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FIRST LIFE-SAVER FOR COVID FOUND IN LARGE UK TRIAL

Low-cost generic steroid reduced deaths by one-third among severely ill hospitalised people in a 6,000-patient trial

DEXAMETHASONE'S SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS

Patients who are on ventilators or on oxygen due to Covid-19 could benefit from dexamethasone. Scientists at the University of Oxford said their trial compared outcomes of 2,104 patients randomly given the drug with those of 4,321 patients who didn't get it. The drug reduced deaths by 35% in those on ventilators and by 20% in those only needing additional oxygen

HOW STEROID DRUGS WORK

- Dexamethasone tamps down the body's uncontrolled inflammatory response to the virus in very sick patients
- The drug didn't appear to help those not on respiratory support
- Experts urge caution about the trial results as they haven't been published yet in a peer-reviewed journal | P12

54,625

PEOPLE GLOBALLY ARE IN SERIOUS OR CRITICAL CONDITION DUE TO COVID-19

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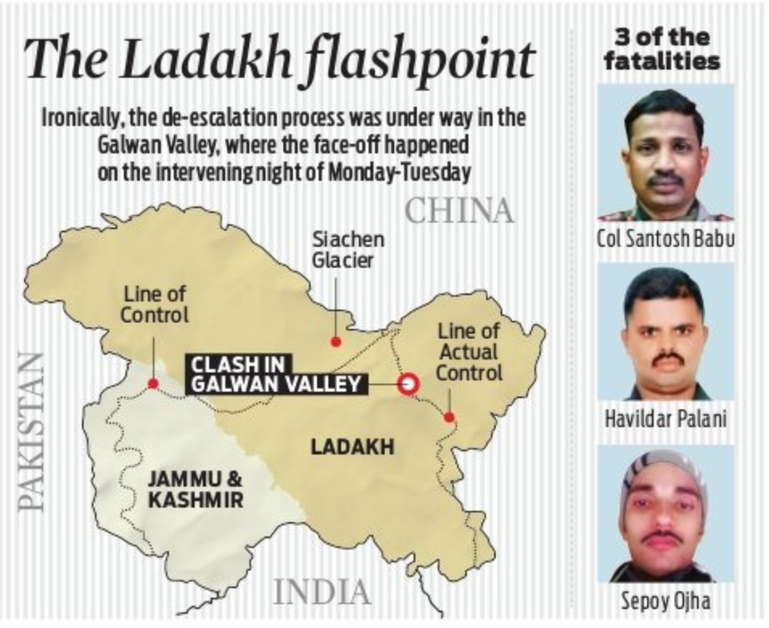
CHINA ATTACK KILLS 20 INDIAN SOLDIERS

PLA troops in full riot gear suddenly charged at Indian jawans on LAC; Colonel among those killed in action; many succumbed to injuries because of sub-zero temp; agencies claim China lost more soldiers than India



EXPERT TAKE

Lt Gen (retd) D S Hooda

The situation is extremely grave. It could become more difficult to find a peaceful a resolution. The future course will depend on the demands of the two sides and whether both are ready to reconcile

BR Deepak, Sinologist

Now that the balance of power in the region has tilted heavily in favour of China, Beijing wants to force New Delhi into solving the dispute on its terms. China comes to talks with conditions rarely acceptable to India

FULL COVERAGE

CHINA POLICY MAY NEED BIG REFORMS

Skirmishes amid de-escalation talks signal that a complete overhaul of policy is the need of the hour in India-China relations, experts say. A former ambassador to China said on the condition of anonymity that India needs to enhance its political and diplomatic engagement. Debashis Chaudhari of the Institute of Chinese Studies said PM Narendra Modi should leverage his friendly relations with Chinese President Xi Jinping for a breakthrough in talks | P7

BORDER AGREEMENTS FAIL TO STOP ATTACK

India and China have at least five border agreements and other mechanisms aimed at defusing border tensions, but the pacts in themselves cannot address the issue if the Line of Actual Control is not clearly demarcated, as per Sinologist BR Deepak. The bilateral agreements and mechanisms date back to 1993, 1996, 2005, 2012, and 2013. Even a joint working group formed in the 1980s failed to reach a consensus on the border issue | P7

DELAY IN INDIAN ARMY STATEMENT?

China's *Global Times* reported the killing of the soldiers much before the Indian Army issued a statement on the same, possibly giving an edge to China in building a narrative. Former Army Chief General VP Malik said: "Clear message should have come from the political and diplomatic leadership." He added that there was a delay in releasing India's official version. "The Chinese are the aggressors, then why are we allowing them to get away with the script?" | P7

MAYANK SINGH & PUSHKAR BANAKAR
@ New Delhi

IN what appears to be a dramatic meltdown of bilateral relations, India and China on Tuesday blamed each other for the worst face-off in 45 years that left 20 Indian soldiers dead, including one officer, along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Galwan area.

A terse late-night statement issued by the Army said: "Indian and Chinese troops have disengaged at the Galwan area where they had earlier clashed on the night of 15/16 June 2020. 17 Indian troops who were critically injured in the line of duty at the stand-off location and exposed to sub-zero temperatures in the high altitude terrain have succumbed to their injuries, taking the total that were killed in action to 20." An earlier statement said, "The loss of lives on the Indian side includes an officer and two soldiers."

While Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian accused Indian troops of crossing the LAC twice, leading to a serious clash, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said the face-off was a result of China unilaterally trying to alter the status quo.

"Our border troops had a high-level meeting and reached important consensus on easing the border situation, but astonishingly on June 15, the Indian troops seriously violated our consensus and twice crossed the border line for illegal activities and provoked and attacked Chinese personnel, which led to serious physical conflict between the two sides and China has lodged strong protest and representation with the Indian side," Zhao said.

Later in the day, a statement from Srivastava said, "While it was our expectation that this (de-escalation) would unfold smoothly, the Chinese side departed from the consensus to respect the LAC. On the late-evening and night of June 15, a violent face-off happened as a result of an attempt by the Chinese side to unilaterally change the status quo there. Both sides suffered casualties that could have been avoided had the agreement at the higher level been scrupulously followed by the Chinese side."

There were reports of Chinese fatalities too, but the state establishment has not put a figure to it yet. However, Hu Xijin, the editor of the *Global Times*, the Communist Party's mouthpiece, tweeted that there were Chinese casualties as well. Agencies in India put the Chinese troop toll at 43, but the figure could not be independently verified.

On the Indian side, the casualties include an officer of the rank of Colonel, said to be the Commanding Officer of an Infantry Unit, a JCO and a jawan.

The incident occurred when a large number of Chinese troops encircled Indian soldiers and beat them with rods and bamboos with nails on them. "The Chinese soldiers were in complete riot gear with helmets, shields and knee and elbow caps," informed a source. Senior military officials of the two sides have been meeting at the venue to defuse the situation, the army added. The last violent clash between troops of the two countries was reported in Arunachal Pradesh in 1975.

Later in the day, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the situation along with the Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat and the three Service Chiefs and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Rajnath and Jaishankar later briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the phone, which was followed by a meeting between Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Going forward, defence experts expect greater bilateral tension. "I see this stand-off leading to greater tension if what the Chinese want is unacceptable to us. If the Chinese agree to return to the original position along the LAC, then the tension could ease. But, this time the Chinese don't seem to be ready to vacate the areas," Lt Gen (retd) D S Hooda said.

Major General D K Mehta said, "The way China is cornered -- and there is tremendous pressure on China from all around -- this a tactic to whip up ultra-nationalism among the Chinese people who are suffering from the worst phase of their economy." China is browbeating countries in the South China Sea and is worried about the growing significance of Taiwan in geopolitics. It also is trying to pressure India into not getting involved in the affairs of the World Health Organization, like the probe into the origin of the coronavirus and entry of Taiwan as an observer, added Maj Gen Mehta.

Diplomatic experts called for an overhaul of Delhi's policy on China. "It is high time India starts to look towards China through a different prism. By merely saying we are not the India of 1962, resolution of border differences will not happen. We need to act. We need to be cautious about our neighbour at all times and stand up to its aggression," a former Indian Ambassador to China said.

History repeats as Chinese ambushed Indian soldiers, killed four of them in 1975

- The last clash between Indian and Chinese troops that led to casualties took place in 1975
- An Indian patrol team of Assam Rifles personnel were killed in an ambush by Chinese troops in Tulung La in Arunachal Pradesh
- India alleged that the Chinese army crossed into Indian territory and attacked soldiers, lodged strong protest
- But China blamed India, claimed its army opened fire in 'self-defence' as a group of Indian soldiers crossed the 'Line of Control'
- A US State Department cable backed the Indian version, said the 'Chinese ambush was sprung 500 metres south of Tulung La' on the Indian side
- The Indian patrol had six jawans. Four of them died, but two escaped as they were at the rear of the team

BORDER ROW

Hold all-party meet, says Deve Gowda

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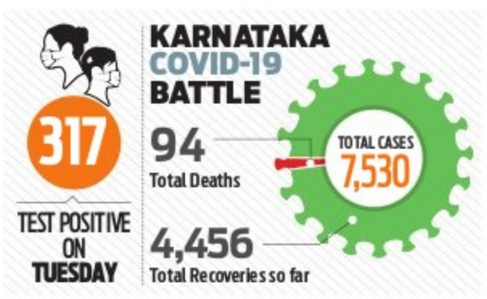
TERMING the violence and death of Indian Army personnel at Galwan Valley in East Ladakh on Monday night as 'disturbing', former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda has called for transparency from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the matter.

Deve Gowda (87) said that PM Modi or Defence Minister Rajnath Singh should provide clarity in the interest of the nation. He also suggested holding an all-party meeting to discuss the situation.

Moments after the Indian Army's statement came, confirming the escalation, Gowda sought to know how Indian soldiers had lost their lives during efforts to de-escalate the tension. P5

K'taka for easing more curbs



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TESTS POSITIVE IN VIKASA SOUDHA

A 42-year-old woman employee of the Food and Civil Supplies department tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday. About 15 people who were in contact with her have been out under quarantine. The patient is now being treated at Victoria Hospital and sources said that people's entry into Vikasa Soudha was restricted temporarily as a precautionary measure. The department office will be closed for 12 hours for sanitisation.

GOVT TO ROPE IN PVT HOSPITALS

With Covid-19 cases on the rise, the State Government has decided to rope in private hospitals to reduce the burden on designated government hospitals. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Tuesday said that fixed rates will be charged for treatment at these private hospitals, which will be announced soon. As cases are spiking over the past two weeks, Covid-19 Care Centres will be set up to monitor and treat infected persons who are asymptomatic. P4

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SEEKING further relaxations in lockdown norms will be top on Karnataka's agenda during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction with Chief Ministers on Wednesday evening.

"The lockdown is not required and we will ask for more relaxations to boost economic activities," Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa told mediapersons on Tuesday after taking part in a special puja at Shankar Mutt here.

The CM said they have taken several steps to contain the spread of Covid-19, initiated measures to boost economic activities and also provided financial assistance to weaker sections. On Wednesday, the state will appeal to the PM for further relaxations so that these sections can return to normal lives, he said. P5

GREEN SHOOTS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY VISIBLE: MODI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the collective response of chief ministers to the Covid-19 pandemic, saying it showcased the best of cooperative federalismin the country. He also drew satisfaction from the green shoots in the economy and reiterated the importance of livelihood.

"On the one hand, health infrastructure will need to be boosted with emphasis on testing and tracing. Economic activity will also need to be increased," Modi told the CMs in his concluding remarks. P8

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• **Wednesday** 17/06/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ekadashi 6.53 am • **Nakshatra:** Bharani (Whole day) • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 28°C

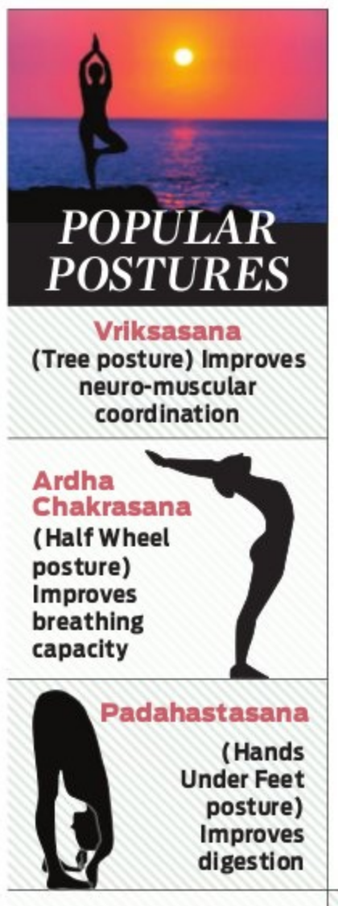
FORECAST

Showers late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 5.54 am | Sunset 6.47 pm | Moonrise 2.48 am | Moonset 3.29 pm

YOGA DAY GOES INDOORS, TO FOCUS ON IMMUNITY

Ayush ministry draws up Common Yoga Protocol, mass events off menu


POPULAR POSTURES
Vriksasana
(Tree posture) Improves neuro-muscular coordination
Ardha Chakrasana
(Half Wheel posture) Improves breathing capacity
Padahastasana
(Hands Under Feet posture) Improves digestion
Trikonasana
(triangle posture) Improves lung capacity
Kati Shakti Vikasaka
(Trunk Twisting) Good for knee and hip joints
Uttanpadasana
(Raised Feet posture) Overcomes nervousness and anxiety
Ardha Ustrasana (Half Camel posture) Increases blood circulation
Skandha Chakra
(Shoulder Rotation) Good for healthy shoulder
Tadasana (Palm Tree posture) Brings stability

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AS Covid-19 continues to play spoilsport, Yoga Day -- coming up this Sunday -- has been suitably altered to a restricted format. With 'Yoga from Home, Yoga with Family' as the theme, the government is focusing on boosting immunity to face the coronavirus challenge, and overcome stress and anxiety through the ancient Indian discipline.

Since 2015, International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually on June 21. Mass yoga is performed across the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself playing a lead role. In 2019, more than 1.5 lakh people took part in yoga events held in Bengaluru, Mysuru and other parts of Karnataka.

With restrictions on congregations, officials from the state Ayush department told TNIE that a Common Yoga Protocol has been designed by the Union Ministry of Ayush. "We are stressing on performing as per the Common Yoga Protocol, which is for 45 minutes. There are two important components -- boosting immunity to counter Covid, and beating stress and anxiety. Yoga provides solutions for physical and mental health," official sources said. The protocol includes exercises for breathing, hands, legs, neck and other parts, to keep one fit and healthy. It involves around 40 asanas.

State Ayush department Commissioner Meenakshi Negi said the novel concept of 'Yoga from Home, Yoga with Family' is being promoted on social media platforms and in the media. "Unlike previous years, we cannot have the count of people participating in yoga, so we are involving educational institutes, private companies and government offices who can urge their students and staff to practice yoga at home. They can reach students and employees using their online platforms, and later give a count to the authorities on the number of participants," she said.

BBMP to adopt ELCITA model to manage waste

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will adopt the Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) model of solid waste management. After inspecting the solid waste management plant in Bommanahalli on Tuesday, Mayor M Goutham Kumar told his officials to adopt the technology used there and replicate this model in all the wards.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting the plant along with corporator Satish Kumar, the Mayor said that more such units will be set up. This unit converts waste into compost in 24 hours as compared to others which take a month.

The Mayor also inspected the command and control centre through which solid waste management, street light monitoring, e-governance and smart parking can be monitored.

EXPRESS READ

Lt Gen M D Venkatesh to be MAHE Vice-Chancellor

Bengaluru: Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) on Tuesday announced the appointment of Lt Gen Dr M D Venkatesh as its new Vice-Chancellor. Currently, the V-C of Sikkim-Manipal University, Dr Venkatesh, will take charge at MAHE, the deemed university and an Institution of Eminence, on July 1 from Dr Vinod Bhat. Bhat, meanwhile, will take over a new role as the executive vice-president. **ENS**

OF COWS AND CARROM BOARDS

A group of men play a game of carrom in a cowshed in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

BMTC buses follow Covid-19 norms, pvt operators care a hoot

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the transport department has ensured that regulations are followed strictly by people using BMTC buses, it seems to be unaware of the norms being flouted by those using private buses.

After being off the road for nearly two months, private buses are back on city roads, flouting the state government's guidelines. As per the guidelines for BMTC buses, no passenger should be standing and not more than 30 passengers are allowed in the bus, but there are no regulations for private buses.

Passengers, especially garment workers, government workers and labourers, are seen cramped in private buses. "BMTC buses have a limited the number of commuters, but there are no restrictions in private buses. Though crowded, I take a private bus to Peenya every day so that I do not have to wait," said Asha L, a garment factory worker on Magadi Road.

Similar is the plight of Kamala, who goes to KR Market every day to make purchases. "Because of time constraints, I take a private bus to reach faster. I am aware of the consequences as I have children, but since I am the only breadwinner in my family, there is no other option available," she said. She sells flowers and fruits to make a living near Peenya.

Transport commissioner N Shivakumar told *TNIE*, "Most of the private buses are not plying on city roads, as far as we know. But now we will look into it. The bus operators have to follow norms set by the health department," he said.

LOCKED UP AND ANXIOUS

Corona giving you the blues? Psychologists launch tele-counselling helpline

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

THE coronavirus has impacted all sectors -- economic, social, educational, employment, political and cultural -- and has also taken a toll on the mental health of the people. To address anxieties, concerns, fears and apprehensions, psychologists in Bengaluru have launched Swasti, a tele-counselling helpline, which will be operated by clinical and counselling psychologists. The helpline is open to all from students to migrants and to people in distress. One can reach out at 08047186060.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, RItu Chugh, a counsellor, said, "The Swasti helpline is available in all the languages, people can just call and opt for any language and we will help them out. This just does not stop at mental issues, but we are even open to providing them with different services like details about hospitals or other Covid-related questions."

Started jointly by organisations like the UNICEF, Karnataka Child Rights Observatory, Association of Health Psychologists, Bengaluru Psychology Forum, Karnataka Professional Social Workers' Association and Dr Reddy's Foundation, the helpline currently has 75 counsellors, who have volunteered to help people in need of counselling.

Dr Manika Ghosh, who is heading the initiative, said, "We are already operating in other states, but this time we have extended it to Karnataka. Even in case of problems like food, assistance to elderly, child problems, migrant workers, it will be directed to the concerned department and the support will be provided. We will listen to their problems and bring in a solution."

Recently the helpline got a call from a parent stating that her child below 10 years of age is frustrated with staying indoors and wants to go out and play, and when the child gets the chance runs out, causing anxiety to parents due to the spread of the Covid-19. Another call received was of a student who had one exam paper to write but couldn't due to Covid-19, and is now worried if he could get into a good college. The counsellors patiently listen to them and talk to them about it and give them tips on time and health management and advise them on how they can snap out of anxieties by keeping themselves engaged.

Soon, Swasti will also be open to frontline workers who require counselling. "The Home Minister of Karnataka has said the mental health of frontline workers like doctors and nurses is also of utmost importance as they work under immense pressure. We will start counselling them too," added Dr Manika.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17th June : There's still a fair bit of tension around today, and too many people are inclined to snap and bicker. The reason I'm telling you this is not because there's nothing we can do about it: far from it. In my opinion it's the perfect moment for all of us to consciously slow down and give other people the benefit of the doubt.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

It's a day for movement and communication. Your secret nomadic tendencies may emerge, making you even more restless, but what is really at stake is your ability to digest the facts and express yourself clearly and persuasively. Try to see the big picture, just for a change.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Business and financial choices are looming, as they seem to do about once a month! This time round though, you may be able to settle questions which date back anything up to a year, and even plan for the next twelve months. Plus, a new element enters in the form of a desire to do good.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon is making friends and colleagues think again. Or, at least, a guilty conscience might be stirring! It's therefore an ideal moment for considering the successes and failures of the past six to twelve months and working out how to do things better over the coming year!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There is a lot to be said for closing your eyes and not taking too much notice of other people's silly gossip and rumours. One way for you to get the best out of the day is to get involved in a charitable enterprise, or just do your bit to make the world a better place.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

No one seems willing to share your burdens or even offer you much-needed moral support. This is as it should be, for Saturn is teaching you a very valuable lesson, which is to stand on your own two feet. Once you've learnt that, Jupiter will confer its rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Today's ambitious Moon has a powerful professional pattern. It's one of those aspects which advises you to press ahead with all worldly ambitions, including anything which will bring recognition in your community. Does that attract you? I hope so!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Although the Moon is indicating an increase in tension, on this particular occasion it is helpfully aligned to your sign. You may therefore usefully widen your vistas and plan adventurous moves. Make peace your priority, and see to it that you prosper by making friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

No matter what other people have or have not done, you will have to stop judging them and concentrate instead on your own motives. If you have been relying on financial or business values, you should now think again, especially if a matter of the heart is involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

The Moon's key aspects align almost exactly with the heart of that sensitive region of your chart responsible for being of service to others. You may be able to take the initiative, but rather more likely is the prospect that partners will seize the limelight in ways you never thought possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Stay busy. Today's dominant planetary aspect puts the emphasis fairly and squarely on work, and even at home you should concentrate on dealing with whatever backlog of chores has built up. It's all a matter of clearing the decks, and making space for future pleasures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your pleasure zones are being stimulated by the Moon, and the result could be frustration if you are absolutely tied to your routine, but a splendid day if you are able to break out of a rut. Of course, if you take a risk, you have to be happy with the consequences, however they result.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

On no account should you allow upsets or disputes in your personal life to disturb the status quo. The point is that even though you may feel unsettled over the next forty-eight hours, the pressures should soon evaporate. And if you're planning for the long-term, take a look at your cash-flow.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

WHAT KIND OF BIRD IS THAT?
I CAN'T SEE THAT FAR
SARGE IS COMING
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
MY SENSE OF SMELL IS KEENER THAN MY EYESIGHT
GREG MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

SEE YOU TOMORROW, BOSS
BUMSTEAD, I NEARLY FIRED YOU A DOZEN TIMES TODAY...
YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, BECAUSE I KEPT GETTING DISTRACTED
HOW WAS YOUR DAY, SWEETHEART?
APPARENTLY IT WAS PRETTY BAD, BUT LUCKILY I DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	6	9	7	8	2	3	5	4
8	3	2	4	6	5	9	1	7
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6	5	8	9	2	7	4	3	1
9	1	4	6	5	3	7	2	8
7	2	3	8	4	1	5	9	6
3	8	1	5	7	6	2	4	9
4	9	5	2	1	8	6	7	3
2	7	6	3	9	4	1	8	5

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SREIK

WARND

HOLAMO

LJACEO

Looks like good progress.
Only a few more streets to go.
THEY WERE DEVELOPING THE WOODED PROPERTY FOR HOMES AND BEGINNING TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DIGIT ADAPT DISMAL MUFFLE
Answer: After Charlie Daniels had his favorite violin repaired, it was — FIT AS A FIDDLE

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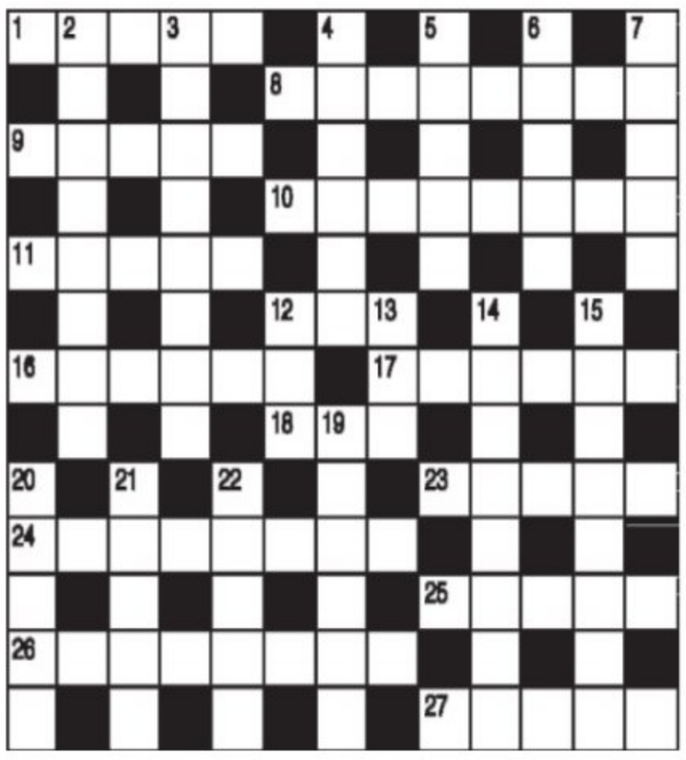
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Sort of views monks aren't allowed to have (5)
8 Again, but for the last time presumably (4,4)
9 Strange tales about what may be on the roof (5)
10 Surprised even though of broad vision (4-4)
11 Good person to censure corporal punishment (5)
12 Agree it's put on back to front (3)
16 Gardening accessory that's old hat (6)
17 Rent free (6)
18 First person Gregory takes to heart (3)
23 Act as a paid informer (5)
24 Why a note goes astray in transit (2,3,3)
25 Waiter drops one drink (5)
26 Giving no rash diagnosis? (8)
27 Let out as the minimum (5)

DOWN

2 The converse of indolence (4,4)
3 Be charming coming in (8)
4 Colour I associate with wrongdoing (6)
5 The umpire is hesitant to pass the matter on (5)
6 Youth leader took out foreign capital (5)
7 Just one side of the coin (5)
12 Born and even briefly raised (3)
13 An act of duplicity? (3)
14 In the main it's the cheapest way to travel (8)
15 Nuts go well with cheese (8)
19 Greek centre replaced by French in Polish port (6)
20 Small creature with nothing to think about (5)
21 A bench to put in the sun (5)
22 Give everyone a hand (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Stalagmite, 6 Four, 10 Saved, 11 Rolling up, 12 One or two, 13 Actor, 15 Dead end, 17 Florist, 19 Feeling, 21 Maestro, 22 Lilts, 24 Artistic, 27 Outhouses, 28 Idaho, 29 Saps, 30 Assessment.

Down: 1 Sash, 2 Advantage, 3 Audio, 4 Merited, 5 Tell off, 7 Ought, 8 Reparation, 9 Pinafore, 14 Oddfellows, 16 Emission, 18 Intricate, 20 Glasses, 21 Matisse, 23 Lit up, 25 Slips, 26 Port.

During the Covid-19 lockdown, the Karnataka High Court heard 1,758 cases through video conference between March 26 and June 6. According to data released by the HC Registrar General, 270 sittings were held in that period by the principal bench at Bengaluru and benches at Dharwad and Kalaburagi

Ordinance on land reforms in 10 days: Minister

Says move will help improve agricultural exports, create job opportunities

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STRONGLY defending the government's decision to amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act to allow non-agriculturalists to buy agricultural land, Revenue Minister R Ashok on Tuesday said the proposed changes will help farm as well as industrial growth in Karnataka.

The minister said since the Assembly is not in session, they are contemplating about implementing the reforms through an ordinance, which will be issued within the next 10 days. "We will discuss it with the Chief Minister and the ordinance will be issued soon," Ashok said while addressing members and affiliated associations of KASSIA in Bengaluru.

The amendments to Sections 79 A, B and 80 of the Act will remove the "unnecessary hurdles in purchase of land" by non-agriculturists for legitimate purposes, he said, adding that there is a need to develop agriculture and also help industries grow.

Stating that Gujarat is doing much better compared to Karnataka in terms of export of agricultural produce, the minister said the proposed changes will help in setting up processing units in rural areas, thereby helping improve agriculture exports, generate employment opportunities and also boost economic activities.

Dismissing apprehensions that big firms will purchase lands from small farmers, the minister felt it will help many agriculture university graduates to take up farming. "We can provide employment to only 5 per cent of graduates coming from agriculture universities every year. What will the remaining 95 per cent graduates do with all the knowledge about agriculture if they cannot even purchase agricultural land?" he asked.

KASSIA president R Raju said the reforms will help improve the state's agricultural exports and generate employment opportunities in rural areas.

Land conversion

The State Government on Tuesday issued detailed guidelines on acquiring agricultural land for setting up industries, under Section 109 of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act. Applications will be processed after getting reports from the Deputy Commissioners concerned about land mentioned in the "investment memorandum"and after the high-level committee on investments approves the proposals.

All 3 'aya rams' figure in BJP probables' list

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE names of all three MLAs who switched parties and joined the BJP last year, figure in the list sent to the party bosses shortlisting candidates for the Legislative Council election. There is no caste barrier either, as all three belong to the Kuruba community.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had promised A H Vishwanath, M T B Nagaraj and R Shankar, who played an important role in BJP coming to power, that they would be made MLCs.

Yediyurappa appears to have brushed aside all resistance and grumbling in the party and reportedly told the core committee about the promise made to the Congress-JDS coalition rebels.

The three have pinned their hopes on Yediyurappa, known for his adamant stand and keeping his promises. On many occasions, they have said that they have full faith in him. The inclusion of all the three has cheered the defectors who brought down the coalition government.

It is not an easy task to assure all the 15 defectors positions, party tickets and ministerial berths, Despite many odds, Yediyurappa managed to induct 10 into the ministry, defuse tension within the party, and again, include the three MLAs in the probables' list. He has proved that his word still counts. Vishwanath, who faced strong opposition within the party, said, "Yediyurappa is our only hope and the only one who can convince the party bosses."

A senior BJP leader, also an aspirant for the Council ticket after his four decades of service, said that one could bank on Yediyurappa any time.

BJP MP V Srinivasa Prasad said that Yediyurappa knows what he has assured and will deliver to Vishwanath and others. Though Deputy Chief Minister Ashwath Narayan said that only Shankar was assured of a berth, minister ST Somashekar said the DCM was not part of the committee which took the decision.

Political commentator Prof Harish Ramaswamy said that Yediyurappa recommending these three names involves trust and leadership. "He wanted to send a strong signal that he is still the leader and also wants a stable government. It is to be seen whether the BJP bosses will accept the recommendation as they also wanted to take control of the government and the party instead of giving it a free run."

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa takes part in 'Dhanvanthri Homa' at Shankar Mutt in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

WAKF REPORT TO BE TABLED

BENGALURU: The Lokayukta interim report based on the Anwar Manippady report on encroachment of Wakf properties will be presented during the upcoming Assembly session, said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday. After a review meeting with officials of the Minorities Welfare Department and Wakf Board, the CM said the cabinet has approved presenting the report. In 2016, the Siddaramaiah government had rejected the BJP's demand to table the Manippady report and had also refused to acknowledge the Lokayukta report. The Lokayukta had reportedly named several senior Congress leaders and senior officials in its report. ENS

Log on, minister launches personal Kannada class

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TOURISM and Kannada and Culture Minister CT Ravi is turning Kannada 'mestru', with his new digital initiative to teach the Kannada language to non-Kannada speaking citizens of the State.

On Tuesday, the minister announced 'KaliKannada', an initiative aimed at inspiring non-Kannada speakers to learn the State language. Ravi told TNIE that he hopes to use his social media reach to create curiosity about Kannada and its usage.

"There are many apps and websites that offer free Kannada lessons, but I have a considerable social media following and I hope to use that to teach Kannada to those who don't speak the language. Even if just 2% people learn functional Kannada through this initiative, I will be happy," Ravi said. He added that the Kannada department has officially taken many initiatives like online classes for children of Kannadigas living outside the country, translation of literary works from and to Kannada, but this was his individual effort.

On Tuesday, Ravi's social media management team put out two lessons on basic conversation and vocabulary.

After Interpol notice, German man arrested

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THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Monday arrested a German national from Hulimangala village in Hebbagodi police station limits. A Red Corner Notice (RCN) was issued against Alexander Bruno Wehnelt (55) by the Interpol on the request of the National Crime Bureau (NCB), Wiesbaden, for kidnap and causing body injuries in Germany in 2015, said B Dayanand, Additional Director General of Police (Economic Offences Division) and Interpol liaison officer, CID.

"Wehnelt fled Germany soon after committing the crime and came to Bengaluru. He has been living here since then though his visa had expired in 2016. He was giving German lessons to some students. On Monday, when the CID team caught him, he showed them a visa that was issued to him in December last year and had expired on June 13," said the ADGP. "Prima facie, the visa looked tampered with," he added.

EXPRESS READ

IPS officer to probe co-op bank scam

Noting that many depositors of the Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank Ltd are retirees and badly need money, the High Court ordered the DG&IGP to appoint a senior IPS officer to look into investigation so far into the alleged multi-crore irregularities in the bank and transfer the matter to a proper agency for effective probe. ENS

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-KYLE CHANDLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public hereby informed that my client by name Sri. Hemanth Kumar V R S/o Ramegowda, intends to purchase immovable property from the present owner Smt. Ramadevi, W/o Late Ravi Kumar Naidu, R/at No:256, 14th Cross, 1st Main, Gayathri Layout, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036, of the property bearing Site No.69, Katha No.292/4, situated at Basavanapura Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, previously comes under the limits of Krishnarajapura CMC, now comes under the limits of BBMP measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in total measuring 1200 sq feet bounded by: East by: Site No:68, West by: Site No:70, North by: 30 feet road, South by: Site No.62 And in the schedule property consists of RCC roofed house measuring 641.25 sq. feet.
Any person/s, financial institutions having any claim or objections to the proposed purchase may contact the undersigned within 15 days of the publication along with supporting documentary evidence failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and any claim received thereafter will not be considered.
N.S. SANJAY KUMAR, Advocate
No.37/2, Nanjamma Complex, 2nd Floor, Near Nalapaka Hotel, Devasandra Main Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036. Mob: 90085 22199.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my Client Smt. TAHERA BEGUM, W/o. Late Aleemullah Sherief, aged about 70 years, residing at No.77/2, 2nd Cross, Hennur Main Road, Kacharkanahalli, Bangalore -560084, was the absolute owner of the Schedule 'A' Property which is acquired by her from Dr. RAMACHANDRA GOWDA, S/o. H.A. Gowda, through Registered Sale Deed, vide document No.17463/1980-81 of Book-1, Volume No.3426, dated 28/02/1981, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and she is also the absolute owner of the Schedule 'B' Property which is also acquired by her, ever-since from the day of its purchase she was in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule-'A' & 'B'-Properties, she further declare that, there is no any other person/s nor her legal heirs have right, title, interest, share and ownership in respect of the Schedule-'A' & 'B' Properties and she had got absolute right to alienate Schedule-"A' & 'B' Properties as she desires and at her own discretion, accordingly she has already gifted the Schedule 'A' & 'B' Properties in favour of her Daughter Miss. A.Nayeema Begum, aged 34 Years, Daughter of Late Sri. Aleemullah Sherief & Smt. TAHERA BEGUM i.e. herself by way of execution of Gift Deed vide document No. 5312/2015-16, on dated 13/11/2015, the same is registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar (Kacharakanahalli), Bengaluru in respect of Schedule 'A' Property and she has further executed a Rectification Deed dated 13.02.2017 and also has Gifted the Schedule 'B' Property to her Daughter Miss. A.Nayeema Begum by execution of Gift Deed. She further declare that, she has not executed any other documents / title deeds, Etc., to any of her other children, and such claim/s made by any of her other children is illegal and not binding on the Schedule-'A' & 'B' Properties which she has gifted to her daughter A.Nayeema Begum, accordingly her Daughter A.Nayeema Begum is the absolute owner of the Schedule-'A' & 'B' Properties and she has got absolute right, title, interest, ownership to alienate Schedule-'A' & 'B'-Properties as she desire and at her own discretion and that my Client's Daughter A.Nayeema Begum is at liberty to deal with the Schedule-'A' & 'B' Properties in any manner as she deems fit.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern portion of Site No.18 and 19, formed in Property No.77/2, situated at KACHARAKANAHALLI VILLAGE, KASABA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK, BENGALURU, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike, Bengaluru, having issued PID. No. 89-206-30, measuring EAST to WEST: 33 FEET, NORTH to SOUTH: 45.7 FEET, in total measuring 1508.1 Square Feet, bounded on: East by : Remaining Portion of the same Property bearing No. 77/2, West by: Remaining Portion of the same property belonging to Smt. TAHERA BEGUM, North by : Private Property and South by : Road.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Western portion of Site No.18 and 19, formed in Property No.77/2, situated at KACHARAKAHANALLI VILLAGE, KASABA HOBLI, BENGALURU NORTH TALUK, BENGALURU, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike, Bengaluru, having issued PID. No. 89-206-31, in consisting of Ground Floor & First Floor, total measuring 2146.5 Square Feet, bounded on : East by: Private Property, West by : P.G.Samuel's Property, North by : Private Property and South by : Road.
Legal i, Advocates & Solicitors,
45, Miller's Road, Bangalore-560 052, Karnataka, India. Mobile: 98451 54053
Date: 15.06.2020

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NELSON MANDELA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its absolute owner **Mr. M. K. JAYASHANKAR.**, aged about 59 years, S/o. Late. M.V. Keerthi Haasan, Residing at. No. 1900, 31st Cross, 9th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage,Bengaluru- 560070, he further represents that the same is acquired by virtue of a registered gift deed dated: 29.03.2016, Document No. JPN-1-12062-2015-16, Stored C.D. No. KEND354, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, J. P. Nagar, Bangalore. The public are hereby given notice that any person/s or body incorporate claiming any right, title or interest of any nature or having any lien, charge or enforceable right in respect of the schedule property or anybody having objection to the transaction may put forth their claims in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within 15 days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist in respect of the schedule property and the same is free from all encumbrances.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing Site No. 61, Assessment No. 10/1, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in total measuring 2400 Square feet, carved out of Survey No. 10 of Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, WARD No. 198-Hemmigepura, registered under Form-B vide., Sl. No. 61/10/1 and bounded on the:
EAST BY : Site No. 62;
WEST BY : Site No. 47;
NORTH BY : Road;
SOUTH BY : Site No. 66;
D.R.P. BABU & ASSOCIATES,
ADVOCATES,
No.87, "Shreshta Bumi", U-203, 2nd Floor, Opp., BIT, K.R.Road, Bangalore-560 004.
PH: 9900176271, 9845712345

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to give notice to the Public that Our client Sri. Abdul Sajid, S/o Late Sri. Abdul Basith, r/at # 4, Venkatappa Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore-560 051, is the absolute owner of the property bearing No. 4, Old No. 25, Venkatappa Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder.
This is to inform to the General Public or any financial institution/s not to deal in any manner in respect of schedule property with any third party/parties as they have no manner of right, title and interest except our client. In the event any one transacts with them, they will be doing so at their own risk and costs, our client will not be responsible in any manner for any such transaction/s in respect of the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of property together with construction standing thereon of immoveable property bearing No. 4, (formerly Western Portion of No.4), Old Portion of No. 25, Venkatappa Road, Tasker Town, Bangalore, PID No. 78-67-4, measuring East 21' & 29' /2; West 50' North 12' & 26' /2 and South 38, in all 1648 sq ft and bounded as Follows:
East by : Property No. 4/1, (Formerly Portion of Property No. 25, New No.4), Venkatappa Road allotted to Sri. Abdul Waheed and Private Property, **West by :** Property No. 26, Venkatappa Road, **North by :** Venkatappa Road, **South by :** Property No.2, Muniswamy Lane
M.D. RAGHUNATH
SKANDA KUMAR, Advocates,
LEGAL AXIS
No. 109, 1ST Floor, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-1.
Ph: 080-41622691 M: 9845131550

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client, **Mrs. NOORIE HAJI,** W/o Syed Shaffi, R/at No.141, 1st Cross, 10th Main,Opp.to JP Park, V.R.Colony, Mathi -kere, Bangalore-560054 has intended to purchase the property morefully described in the Schedule hereinbelow for valuable consideration from **Mr. SHRIKANTH S. BHOSALE,** S/o Shivaji Rao N. Bhosale, R/at Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, "Ishana Sunshine", situated at Nagashettihalli, Bangalore, who has represented that he is the absolute owner and are in peaceful possession of the schedule property. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the schedule Property may lodge their objections and/ or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidences **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this publication, and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claimant/s or objections from any person/s.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of **Residential Flat No.301,** Municipal No.4/24, PID No. 100-613-4/24, known as **"ISHANA SUNSHINE",** consisting of two bedroom, hall, kitchen etc., measuring 978 Square feet of Super built-up area with reserved car parking in the Basement along with 380 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing No.10/4, BMP Katha No.4(old No.4 & 4/A), together with all common areas, **situated at Nagashetti Halli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.100-Sanjaynagar** and land is bounded on:
East by: Road,
West by: Pvt. Property,
North by:Pvt.Property,
South by: Property No.3.
M.SRINIVAS-Advocate,
No.109, 1st Floor, SSI Area, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Bangalore Mob:98450-80785 16/06/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is examining /negotiated to purchase Residential House Immovable Property bearing BBMP **Khata No.277/118-78/6, Siddapura, Bangalore, ward No.84,** (earlier Survey No.78, New Survey No.78/2, Siddapura Village, Varthur Hobli, Ramagondanahalli Village Panchayath, Bangalore South Taluk, now East Taluk,) measuring North:94 Feet, South:94 Feet, East:64 Feet, West:64 Feet, total site area 6250 Square feet, bounded on the **North:**Property bearing Khatha No. 118-78/7, **South:**Private Property, **East:**Private Property, **West:**25 Feet Road, from **Mrs. SANCHAYITA MENON**, W/o Mr. O.P. Padma Kumar. If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof **within 7 days** from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.
K.M.A. PERES,
VIREN MICHAEL PERES,
ADVOCATES
46/1-1 Wheeler Road, Bangalore - 560005
Mob:9845000414 Email:peresoffice@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Sri ANDAAR RAMA SHETTY,** S/o, Late Boggu Shetty, R/at: Flat No. 302, "Pushkar Apartments", Gayathri Devi Temple Road, Car Street, Mangaluru 575 001, D. K. Dist; had executed a Registered General power of attorney dated 22-02-2019, in favour of his wife SMT. JAYANTHI R. SHETTY, W/o, Sri Andaar Rama Shetty, R/at: Flat No. 302, "Pushkar Apartments", Gayathri Devi Temple Road, Car Street, Mangaluru 575 001, D. K. Dist, registered as document No.MGC-4-00290-2018-19, stored in CD No.MGCD706, dated 01-03-2019, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Mangaluru City. D,K, Dist. The Attorney reports that the Original Registered General power of attorney is misplaced/lost. The said Registered General power of attorney was executed for the purpose of sale of the property /residential apartment bearing No. I-237, measuring 1320 sq. ft. of super built up area in second floor of Block "J" in "BRIGADE COSMOPOLIS" along with 295.29 sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property (Equivalent to 28.79 Sq.mtr) together with one car parking space constructed at Schedule 'A' property, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.620/100 situated at whitefiled village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangaluru East Taluk, within office of the Sub Registrar, Indiranagara, Bengaluru,
Thereafter I hereby call upon and request if anybody found or in custody of the aforesaid document/ General power of attorney for any reasons or have any claim whatsoever may kindly contact me with sufficient proof along with original document within 7 days from this day, No claim whatsoever nature will be entertained after the time fixed above and I will proceed to consider the certified copy of the said Registered General power of attorney furnished is valid to deal with the property of my client.
ARIL K.S. B.A(Law), LL.B, M.B.A.
Advocate Notary
Off: 2nd Floor, Medicare Centre, Karangalpady, Mangaluru-575 003,
Mob: 9916054230
MANGALURU
16-6-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is given by me on behalf of State Bank of India, Commercial Branch-04196. This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that M/s. Veer-O-Metals Pvt. Ltd., Company had availed a Commercial Advances facility from my client and deposited **1.** Original Sale deed bearing document No. 5211/67-68, Volume No. 33, at pages 177, Book I, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar of Srirampuram, Bengaluru, **2.** Original Sale deed document No. 150/67-68, Volume No. 162, at pages 27-31, Book I, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar of Srirampuram, Bengaluru, **3.** Original Sale deed document No. 1257/71-72, Volume No. 15, at pages 139-140, Book I, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar of Srirampuram, Bengaluru with respect of the Property bearing, Plot No.13 measuring 3200 sq.ft, Plot No.13/2, measuring 4488 sq.ft, and Plot No.13/1 measuring 3264 sq.ft, in Sy No.47/2, situated at 3rd Main, Bazar Street, Mathikere, Bengaluru North taluk, Bengaluru and Bank has created charge over the property vide its bearing No. LAG-1-03394/2018-19 on 09/11/2018.
It is found that said deeds mentioned above are misplaced / lost and are not found in spite of due search.
If any member of public traces the same, the same may be handed over to the below mentioned Address. Further if any person having custody and tries to misuse the said document same shall not be binding on the said property. My client has created charge over the property based on Certified Copies of Sale deeds. Hence this notice.
Date: 16.06.2020
M/s. Sachin Bichu and Associates
418/21, First Floor, 19th Cross Road, 1st and 3rd Block, Jayanagar Bengaluru - 560011
Mob : 9742499808 / 9110224212
Email: bichuassociates@yahoo.com.

EXIDE Life Insurance

Branch Office Closure

Notice is hereby given pursuant to IRDAI Cricular No. 041 IRDA/BOO/Dec - 06 to the policyholders that the sales office of Exide Life Insurance Company Limited situated at :

1. **First Floor, 'Apex Complex', situated at Deviation Road, Bhuvaneshwari Circle, Chamarajanagar, Mysuru - 571313**
2. **No.415, 4th Main, HRBR Layout, 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru – 560 043**

will be closed.
w.e.f. 18th August, 2020
For any assistance Call : Toll Free : 1800 419 8228
Email: care@exidelife.in

Exide Life Insurance Company Limited **IRDAI Registration Number: 114,** CIN: U66010KA2000PLC028273, Registered Office: 3rd Floor, JP Techno Park, No.3/1, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 001; Toll Free: 1800 419 8228; Visit: exidelife.in.

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31.03.2024 for **Asset 1-** Installation of +/- 200 MVAR Dynamic Compensation (STATCOM) along with 2x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Reactor (MSR) and 1x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Capacitor (MSC) and co-ordinated control mechanism of MSCs and MSRs at 400kV Hyderabad Substation, **Asset 2-** Installation of +/- 200 MVAR STATCOM along with 2x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Reactor (MSR) and 1x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Capacitor (MSC) and co-ordinated control mechanism of MSCs and MSRs at 400/230 kV Udumalpet Substation and **Asset 3-** Installation of +/- 200 MVAR STATCOM along with 2x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Reactor (MSR) and 1x125 MVAR Mechanically Switched Capacitor (MSC) and co-ordinated control mechanism of MSCs and MSRs at 400/230 kV Trichy Substation under **"System Strengthening in Southern Region XXI" in Southern Region.**
The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) TSSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) TSNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited.
3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	Petition		
	Asset 1	Asset 2	Asset 3
Approved Capital cost (₹ Lakhs)	18587.77	18645.09	18992.00
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID		
Schedule DOCO (FR)	15.03.2019		
DOCO (Actual)	04.09.2019	20.12.2019	28.12.2019
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ Lakhs)	15137.14	18108.00	14950.67
Tariff for year 2019-24 (Rs in Lacs)			
2019-20	594.36	358.44	273.80
2020-21	1164.62	1385.57	1134.62
2021-22	1178.62	1436.14	1172.05
2022-23	1187.54	1446.81	1180.87
2023-24	1196.71	1457.77	1189.92

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergridindia.com. 5.** The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.
Place : GURGAON **Sd/-**
Date : 10.06.2020 **DGM (Commercial)**
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office: "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram-122001, (Haryana) Tel.: 0124-2571700-719
Reg. Office: B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016, Tel: 011-26560112, 26560121
Website : www.powergridindia.com, CIN: L40101DL1989GOI038121
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Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560038

A 300 bedded hospital with 20 bedded Neonatal intensive care unit has an opening for the following National Neonatology Forum accredited training post in Indiranagar Bangalore.

1) Fellowship in Neonatology
No of Post: 02
Date of starting the programme: 01st July 2020.
Candidates with DNB/MD/DCH can apply.
Duration for DNB/MD: 12Months
Duration for DCH: 18 Months.

2) Nursing Fellowship in Neonatology
No of Post: 04
Date of starting the programme: 01st July 2020.
Candidates with Bsc Nursing/GNM Nursing can apply.
Duration: 12 Months

Qualified candidates may apply with their CV to the **Head - HR, Chinmaya Mission Hospital, CMH Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.**
Email : **recruit@cmhblr.com** before 23-06-2020.

OPPORTUNITIES

General

THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN CHEMICALS LIMITED
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking),
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APPLICATIONS INVITED

Online applications invited for appointment to the following posts

1. OFFICER (Quality Control)	- 1 No.	4. SAFETY & FIREMAN	- 2 Nos
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3. OPERATOR	- 8 Nos	6. HELPER (Fitter)	- 8 Nos

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TRACKING COVID-19

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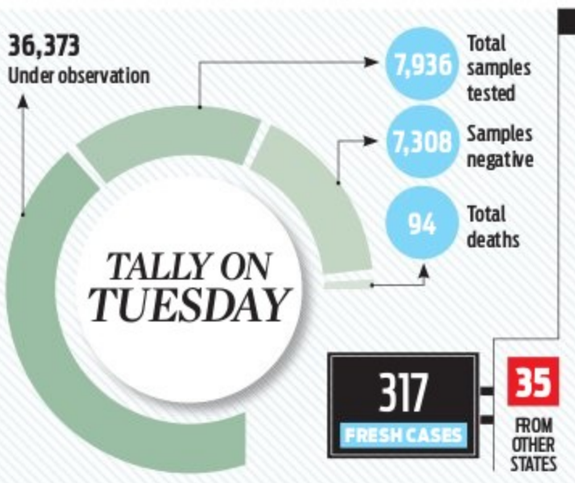
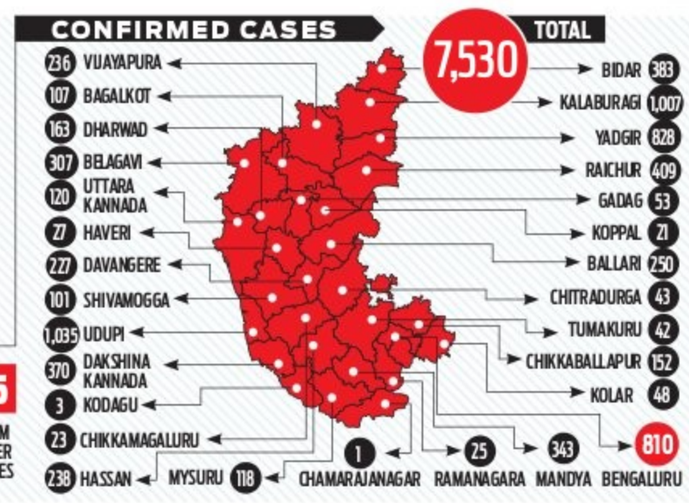




B'LURU COVID HOSPS RUN OUT OF ICU BEDS

It's full in Victoria and Jayanagar hospitals, Bowring Hospital can admit only nine more patients

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

IT'S alarming. Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds at almost all Covid-designated hospitals in Bengaluru are full. Very soon, patients may have to fight for beds, if alternative arrangements are not made immediately by the State Government.

At Bengaluru's main Covid-designated facility Victoria Hospital, all the 36 beds in the ICU are full and since Sunday evening, patients are being sent to Bowring Hosptial.

Dr C R Jayanthi, Dean and Director, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, said, "Yes, there has been a sudden spike in the number of patients and most of them are SARI, ILI and people with high comorbidities, who require ICU care. Our beds are full. We have been diverting them to Bowring Hospital."

Bowring Hospital has designated 15 beds for Covid patients and can take only nine more. However, they have the capacity to expand, said a hospital spokesperson.

Dr Ramesh, Nodal Officer at Bowring, told TNIE, "The cases are increasing. We have enough doctors and are geared up for more patients."

Another Covid centre, Jayanagar General Hospital, confirmed that they have 20 beds exclusively for Covid patients and all are full.

Sources said the number of patients getting admitted late and needing ICU treatment is because of a drastic dip in testing. "When the symptoms increase and a patient's condition worsens, he is rushed to the hospital with the need for ICU care. This will also increase mortality rate," said a senior doctor from Victoria Hospital on condition of anonymity.

The number of samples tested on Tuesday across the state was 5,362, probably the lowest in the last one week.

Meanwhile, healthcare workers said that more cases are coming in with ILI and majority are without any primary contacts which is worrying as the cases might explode if the source of infection is not traced.

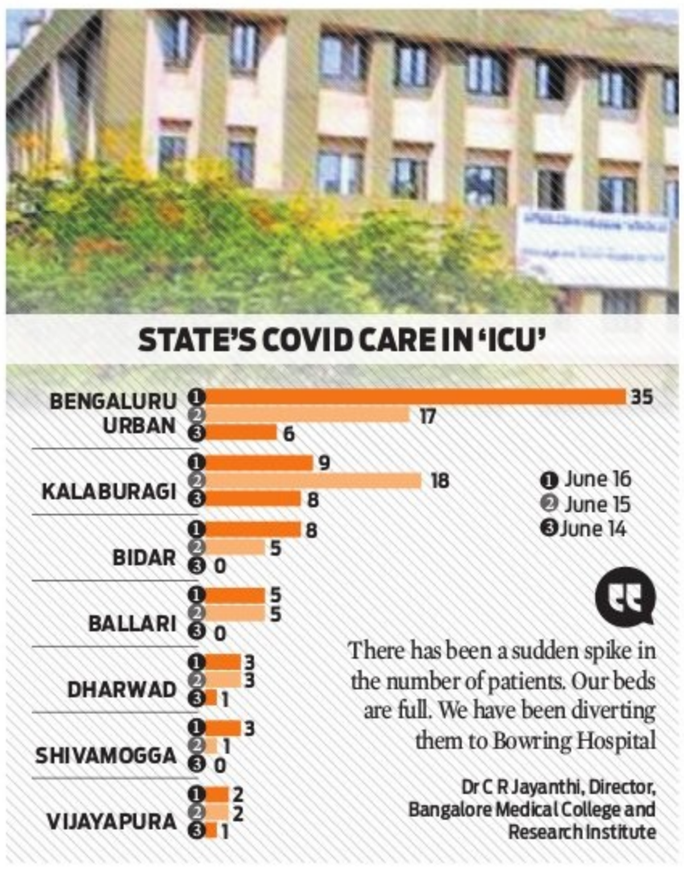
According to the data from the State Health Department, till Sunday, there were 16 patients at ICUs across the state, but by Tuesday evening, the numbers shot up to 72.

Data on Tuesday evening stated that 35 patients in Bengaluru were in ICU. But when *TNIE* checked with each of the three Covid hospital, the ICU patient count added up to 62.

Medical experts said the situation may get worse in districts too. In Kalaburgi, the number of ICU patients went up from eight on Sunday to 18 on Monday. However, the data on Tuesday said nine patients were in ICU.

The State Government, however, is confident of handling the spike. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "There has been an increase in the last two weeks. Bengaluru needs attention. But we are sure of providing infrastructure and medical facilities to all. There is a new app that shows the availability of ICUs, ventilators, isolation beds etc for easy accessibility," he said.

By referring asymptomatic patients to Covid Care Centres, the load on ICUs can be reduced, he said.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KALABURAGI ZP ASKED TO ARRANGE 7,000 BEDS

Kalaburagi: The state government has instructed the Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat CEO to keep 7,000 beds ready, including 500 each in taluks, in case Covid-19 cases increase in the district. At the Zilla Panchayat general body meeting here on Tuesday, ZP CEO Raja P said, "These additional beds need not be in hospitals alone. They can be arranged in hotels or other places with necessary arrangements." Replying to members' questions, he said, "As of now, GIMS has 389 beds and ESIC Hospital 320 beds, GIMS has 56 ICU beds and ESIC Hospital 35. The district has 35 ventilators but we haven't used any ventilator in the last three months," he said. **ENS**

TAKING STEPS

State to rope in private hospitals to fight surge

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WITH a surge in Covid-19 cases, the state government plans to rope in private hospitals to reduce the burden on the designated hospitals. Rates will be fixed for treatment at private hospitals, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Tuesday.

"Some patients are going to private hospitals but after they test positive, they go to Victoria or any other government hospital. This should not happen. Strict action will be taken against private hospitals which refuse to treat Covid-19 patients despite having the capability. Detailed guidelines will soon be released regarding the number of beds, ICUs and ventilators to be reserved for treatment of Covid cases," the minister said.

The minister said that he held detailed talks with senior officials and experts on the best practices and effective steps being taken by other states and several decisions were taken in this regard.

An expert committee has been formed to advise on the type of treatment and care required for cases in different stages.

As cases have been increasing since the last two weeks, Covid-19 Care Centres (CCC) will be set up to monitor and treat infected persons who are asymptomatic, he said.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar has been directed to ensure that 20,000 beds are available in CCCs by July 15, the minister said. This will reduce the burden on hospitals, he said, adding that the CCCs will be set up statewide.

"We are making one app that will tell us how many hospitals are there, how many ventilators, beds, ICU facilities are available so patients need not be referred to places where the facilities are already full. If an asymptomatic case turns into symptomatic, they will be shifted from the CCC to a hospital. CCCs can be private medical colleges, hospitals, community centres, stadiums etc. Details are to be worked out after a task force meeting set to take place this week," he said.

Positive cases have tripled in the last two weeks and deaths have doubled, he said. To control the pandemic the government is trying to scale up testing to 15,000 to 25,000 samples per day. They will do so by testing delivery boys in courier, postal, food delivery, e-commerce services, street vendors, supermarkets bill counter staff, pourakarmikas, slum dwellers, people in crowded areas and random testing in old containment zones.

It has also been decided to mandatorily test all those who have symptoms of ILI and SARI, apart from frontline workers such as healthcare and police personnel.

TECH HELP

HC: Producing accused 1st time through video lawful

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AS there have been cases of judicial officers, staff, prosecutors and advocates being placed home quarantine after accused produced before magistrates testing positive, the Karnataka High Court has made holding remand proceedings through video-conferencing lawful.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty passed the order in a suo motu PIL initiated to address technical issues arising out of conducting hearings through video-conferencing.

The bench noted that there have been instances where immediately after remand proceedings, either the accused or the police personnel who brought the accused to the court testing positive.

In one case, a policeman, who brought the accused to the court for remand proceedings, tested positive. Later, the public prosecutor and two advocates who were present in the court were put under 14-day home quarantine. The concerned Courts were then kept closed for one or two days for sanitisation, the bench said.

"Notwithstanding the clear provision of law under clause (b) of proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 167 of CrPC that the order of first remand whether in respect of police custody or judicial custody and the subsequent extension of police custody remand can be made only by producing the accused in person before the learned Magistrate, some very exceptional cases where first remand is permitted through video conferencing will be covered by the directions issued by the Apex Court in clause (i) of paragraph 6 of the order dated 6 April 6, 2020. Therefore, the same shall be deemed to be lawful", the bench said.

With days to retire, cop succumbs to virus

ACCUSED TESTS +VE, 22 COPS QUARANTINED

Kolar: As many as 22 police officers, including Deputy Superintendent of Police Narayanswamy and Police Sub-Inspector Srinivas have been quarantined after an accused tested positive, in Mulbagal of Kolar district. Speaking to TNIE, Kolar Superintendent of Police Karthick Reddy said, on June 7, a dowry death case was reported in Mulbagal town. The husband of the victim was arrested on June 10 and brought to the station to complete formalities. Later, he was taken to the jail ward at the designated hospital, where his swab was collected. He tested positive on June 15. Reddy said that when the accused was brought to the station, about 20 officers, along with the DySP, visited the station. As a precautionary measure, all of them have been quarantined and their swabs sent for testing. He said the station and the area around it has been sanitised. ENS

Health officials screen personnel at VV Puram Traffic Police Station, in Bengaluru, after an ASI died from Covid-19 | SHRIRAM BN

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A 60-year-old Assistant Sub-Inspector from VV Puram Traffic Police Station, who was about to retire, passed away on Monday, and later tested positive for coronavirus. Though several police officers have tested positive for Covid-19 across the state, he is the first officer to have died from the virus.

The cop was on leave and was suffering from heart-related ailments already. He suffered a heart attack and was declared dead at a private hospital. He was later taken to KC General Hospital, where his throat swab was collected. His results came back positive on Monday evening. Apart from him, another 59-year-old ASI also tested positive from the same station.

Primary and secondary contacts of the deceased, including other traffic police officers he worked with, will be quarantined. Now, a total of 93 staffers from the station are under home quarantine.

"The station will also be sealed and sanitised for two days, after which it will reopen," said BR Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

Recently, a police officer from Shankarapuram police station tested positive and the premises was sanitised. The Central Crime Branch was also recently sealed after some officers came in contact with an accused who was Covid-positive.

COVID WATCH

HC: Advisories by BBMP, DG&IGP do not have penal force

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday said the advisories issued by the BBMP Commissioner and the DG&IGP on preventing the spread of Covid-19, does not indicate that they were issued under the Disaster Management Act. Hearing PIL filed by Letzkit Foundation, a division bench said penal provision under Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act is enforceable if advisories are issued by the national or state executive council. The bench said the state executive cannot delegate powers to the BBMP commissioner or DG& IGP. **ENS**

Increasing positive cases in Hubballi baffles authorities

Hubballi: Baffled over the sudden rise in Covid-19 cases in Hubballi, Dy Commissioner Deepa Cholan said testing will be ramped up from Tuesday. In the last five days, the district reported two deaths and 91 cases. Sources said the administration has instructed doctors focus only on symptomatic cases . No samples were tested on Monday, according to sources, except those received from other districts. 21,122 samples were tested on Sunday and 21,142 on Monday. Cholan, however, denied these claims, saying no such instructions have been carried out. **ENS**

Warriors among 317 new Covid cases, tally now at 7,530; seven dead

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SEVEN frontline workers, who are at the core of state's fight against Covid-19, tested positive on Tuesday. Of them, three are staff nurses — two women and one man — at Victoria Hospital, one woman from the Food and Civil Supplies Department at Vikas Soudha, one woman Swacchta worker at NIMHANS, an assistant sub-inspector from VV Puram Traffic Police station, who was soon going to retire, passed away on Monday and tested positive later, and a driver at the Sampangi Ramanagar police station.

The Food and Civil Supplies Department office at Vikas Soudha was sealed and santised. Fifty people on duty with the nurses at Victoria Hospital were quarantined, but they tested negative. Victoria officials said that the nurses were wearing PPEs, and it is being investigated as to how they got infected.

The total number of cases went up by 317 on Tuesday, taking the tally to 7,530. The state also recorded seven new Covid deaths. Five of them were from Bengaluru Urban alone, while one each was from Ramanagara and Bidar districts. With this, the toll now stands at 94 with four non-Covid deaths.

Fighters testing positive

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In Bengaluru, a 72-year-old man who died was a contact of P4317. He was suffering from diabetes, hypertension and a chronic kidney disease. He was admitted on June 6 at the designated hospital and died on Monday. A 60-year-old man was brought dead to the designated hospital on Monday. A 65-year-old woman patient, diagnosed with SARI, died on Monday. An 85-year-old woman, diagnosed with SARI and a known case of diabetes and hypertension, was admitted on Saturday and died on Monday. An 86-year-old woman, diagnosed with ILI and suffering from diabetes, hypertension was admitted on June 10 and died on Monday.

Security guards in PPE stand at the main gate of Gosha Hospital in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, to regulate entry of visitors, on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

In Ramnagara, a 48-year-old man, diagnosed with SARI and admitted on June 13, died on Monday. In Bidar, a 49-year-old man, diagnosed with SARI and a known case of diabetes and hypertension, was admitted on Sunday and died on Monday.

Of the 317 positives, 108 are interstate travellers, while 78 are international passengers. Dakshina Kannada district saw the highest number of 79 positive cases, Kalabuargi 63 cases, Ballari 53, Bengaluru Urban 47, Dharwad eight, Udupi and Shivamogga seven cases each, Uttara Kannada, Yadgir and Raichur six cases each, Chikkamagaluru, Gadag and Ramanagar four cases each, Bidar and Belgavi three each, Koppal two and Bidar and Tumakuru one each.

The ACB raided three more government officials on Tuesday and conducted search operations at 12 places across the state, following information that they had amassed wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income.

LAC scuffle: Telangana mourns Colonel's death

He died with 19 others fighting Chinese soldiers in Galwan Valley

A SESHACHARYULU @Nalgonda

TELANGANA mourned the death of Colonel **Bikkamalla Santosh Babu** on Tuesday, who laid down his life along with two others fighting for his country in an armed conflict with the Chinese on Monday night in the far-flung Galwan Valley on the Indo-China border.

His death stunned his ageing parents who could not come to grips with the reality for long. It was his mother Manjula, who recovered first and said she was heartbroken and happy at the same time. "I lost my son, I cannot bear it. But he died for the country and that makes me happy and proud," she said after the news was conveyed to her by her daughter-in-law Santoshi on Tuesday afternoon.

"My son, his wife and their two children live in Delhi. The tragic news was conveyed to me by my daughter-in-law on Tuesday afternoon, though the Army officials informed her last (Monday) night itself. She was afraid that I might collapse if she broke the news to me immediately," Manjula said.

Colonel Santosh Babu is survived by his daughter Abhigna, 9, and son Anirudh, 4. His father Upender and mother could not come out of the shock that their son, who promised to be with them in a month's time, was no more. "My son had been transferred to Hyderabad but could not join us immediately because of the nationwide lockdown. He told us that he would be with us soon. We were happy as it meant being with him for three years. But we lost him. He was too young to die but what makes me proud is that he died fighting the enemy," Upender, a retired SBI manager, said.

Jawan laid to rest at border

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@Ramanathapuram

Passion and poverty had driven 40-year-old K Palani from Kadukkalur village in Ramanathapuram district to join the Indian Army at the age of 18. Shock dawned upon the family when news of his death at the Indo-Chinese border in Ladakh reached them at a time when he had planned to retire from the army next year, having served in the country's borders for 22 years. He was one among the three Indian soldiers martyred at the Indo-Chinese border in Ladakh during a border conflict on Monday night.

Palani is being survived by his wife P Vanathi Devi (35) and two children -- son aged 10 and daughter aged 8.

Flights may resume from Hubballi today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

THE IndiGo Airlines is likely to resume operation on the Hubballi-Kannur and Hubballi-Goa sectors from Wednesday if it gets enough booking of seats on these routes. Air services are yet to resume from Hubballi after the lifting of the lockdwon.

GREEN SHOOTS

Hubballi was one of the busy airports in the State before the lockdown was enforced. After the two months of long lockdown, the Star Air restarted flight service only for a day on Bengaluru and New Delhi routes on May 25, but later the service was suspended due to lack of passengers.

Now IndiGo is expected to start service from Hubballi to Kannur of Kerala and Goa from Tuesday. But it was cancelled on Monday night due to lack of passengers. It is said that there were only four passengers booked to Hubballi and from Hubballi and no one booked a ticket to Goa or Kannur.

Hubballi Airport Director Pramod Thakre said that as of now there are fewer number of passengers and no air service has shown keen interest to start service this month. But the airways that were operating for Hubballi have announced that they will start service in July and have started bookings too.

507 government doctors on contract to quit today

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AFTER waiting for years, 507 doctors working on contract basis under the health and family welfare department, are set to tender their resignations on Wednesday, as their services have not been regularised.

Absorption of doctors appointed on contract in the Karnataka Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services Special Rules was notified in 2002, according to which after three years of service in rural areas, contract doctors would be regularised by the health department.

"Post 2016, none of the batches of contract doctors appointed were regularised, irrespective of which political party was in power. We want job security and to be treated on part with permanent doctors in the department, who earn Rs 85,000 and enjoy TA, DA, while we earn around Rs 45,000 per month," said Dr Vinay Manjunath, a doctor with a Primary Health Centre in Chikkaballapura, and a member of the Karnataka Government Medical Officers' Association.

They have petitioned the Health Minister Sriramulu, Commissioner of Health Pankaj Kumar Pandey, CM BS Yediyurappa, and local MLAs but have not got any promise of being regularised.

UNLOCK 1.0

Economic activity yet to pick up pace in Karnataka

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Economic activities in the state restarted after lockdown norms were eased earlier this month, but are yet to gain momentum. Although most activities are allowed, the government is yet to allow cinema theatres and multiplexes, swimming pools, gyms, bars and pubs to restart operations.

Metro Rail operations too continue to be suspended. Reopening of all activities is expected to help the government mobilise resources even as it continues its fight against the pandemic.

During the video-conference, the chief minister is expected to brief Prime Minister Narendra Modi about measures taken to contain the virus spread and the recent increase in numbers due to the influx of migrant workers from neighbouring states, including Maharashtra, which have recorded much higher Covid-19 numbers than Karnataka.

PM should clarify on border row: Gowda

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"Reports coming from #GalwanValley are disturbing. Why did our soldiers lose their lives during a de-escalation process? In national interest, the PM and RM should offer a clearer picture to the nation on the border issue with the Chinese. #LADAKHSTANDOFF (sic)," Deve Gowda tweeted.

Speaking to the media later, the former PM also suggested that the incumbent government should call for an all-party meeting and seek suggestions. Deve Gowda was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka only last week along with Congress veteran Mallikarjun Kharge and BJP's Ashok Gasti and Eranna Kadadi. The JDS leader is said to be keen on raising the matter in Parliament when it reconvenes.

CRIME FILE

Inter-state thief held

Bengaluru: An interstate thief was arrested by police and about 600 grams of gold jewellery and five kg silver worth Rs 30 lakh have been recovered. The accused Rayapathi Venkanna alias Venkaiah (44) is from Guntur in Andhra Pradesh.

Man kills siblings

Bengaluru: Two construction labourers were found murdered on Tuesday. The duo was bludgeoned to death. The deceased are Sahadeva (29) and Dandapani (26). Police said their younger brother is behind the murder. Efforts are on to nab him.

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SL No.	Description	Date and Time
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2	Pre Bid Meeting Details	18-07-2020 @ 12.00 PM
3	Last date for uploading of filled tender will be	21-07-2020 @ 4.00 PM
4	Date of opening Technical bid will be	23-07-2020 @ 5.00 PM
5	Date of Financial bid will be	27-07-2020 @ 5.00 PM
6	Number of days to extend	2 ದಿನಗಳು

SL No.	Name of work	Amount put to Tender	Earnest Money Deposit	Tender form fee	Class of Contractor	Period of completion (Including Monsoon)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Indent No: 102936 Construction of Town panchayat Office Building TPC at Boragaon	485.00	7,28,000.00	E-Procurment	Civil Class 1	24 Months

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EDITORIAL

I have forsaken the joy of winning and the sorrow of losing. And I am happy. For pleasures come and go. How often I have watched their inconstancy!

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— Ramnath Goenka

LOCKDOWN 5.1 IN TN APPEARS BETTER PLANNED AND LED

The Tamil Nadu government's announcement of an intense lockdown in Chennai and adjoining districts reeling under the unabated spike in corona positive cases comes after days of rumours of it were denied at the highest level. Thankfully, the government has given people enough time to prepare, unlike the sudden announcement of the April 26-29 lockdown that triggered panic buying, resulting in the Koyembedu cluster.

Chennai alone has been roughly contributing to over 70-80% of the statewide spike, along with the adjoining districts. The toll has also been alarming, touching 38 and 44 for two consecutive days. Last week, the Madras High Court posed searching questions, wondering why areas with high viral load have not been locked down. But the government parried it, saying it had no intention of imposing a fresh lockdown and its actions would be confined to intensive tracing and testing. A day later, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami scotched rumours about the lockdown on social media. But the fact remains that people living in these zones are being looked upon with suspicion elsewhere in the state, one reason why the government could have made the U-turn.

On the administration side, the state announced a major shake-up, appointing J Radhakrishnan as health secretary in place of Beela Rajesh. Radhakrishnan has earned the sobriquet of a disaster management specialist after having successfully carried out relief work in Nagapattinam as collector when the 2005 tsunami struck and having managed the 2015 floods in his earlier stint as health secretary. He was ushered into the Covid battlefield on May 1 as special nodal officer for Chennai and was brought back as health secretary to devise out-of-the-box mechanisms about a month later. He has been repeatedly making appeals for herd masking and social distancing, but has not found enough resonance on the streets. Just last week, the milling crowd in Kasimedu fishing harbour triggered fears of a repeat of the Koyembedu cluster. Radhakrishnan has his work cut out, since TN has the second highest caseload in India and the demand for hospital beds is going north. It is his task to flatten the curve.

AMEND KHEL RATNA RULE TO AVOID CONTROVERSIES

Around this time every year, the nominations for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award become a topic of discussion. Instituted in 1991, this is India's biggest sports award. Considering the rule that says any individual, sports federation or state government can propose names, it is not surprising that this generates controversy. Mostly, it is about the credentials of candidates. Things turn nasty sometimes, when distinguished athletes start accusing others of nepotism and favouring the less deserving. It has not been that bad this year yet. But names of athletes who have little to show for on the big stage have popped up for consideration.

It is important to note there are certain flaws in the concept of the Khel Ratna, making it prone to controversies. There is a rule that this cannot be conferred on an individual more than once. Given that India does not produce world beaters in sports every year, this clause restricts the field. For example, Viswanathan Anand and Abhinav Bindra were awarded Khel Ratna before they had won the World Championship and Olympic gold respectively In the years they won the biggest prize, the award went to someone who achieved less. P V Sindhu was India's biggest sports achiever last year. But the badminton world champion cannot be considered as she won it in 2016. There are no such restrictions for awards like the Grammy or Oscar.

Then, Khel Ratna is given almost every year. In 28 years, there were just two instances (2008 and 2014) when it was not presented because the sports ministry did not find anybody deserving. There were many more years when this principle was not followed. As a result, the Khel Ratna on occasions went to undeserving candidates. This is inevitable if 'someone has to get it' becomes the rule instead of 'only the deserving will get it'. Further, there is no fixed criteria. Usually, the recipients are World Championship/Olympic medallists in regular and para disciplines or cricketers. There are also instances when success at the Asian level led to this award. Until the rigidities and anomalies are removed, this will continue to make headlines for unwanted reasons.

How can the gap between fund requirement for GST compensation to states and availability in the Compensation Cess Fund be bridged?

THE GST COMPENSATION IMBROGLIO

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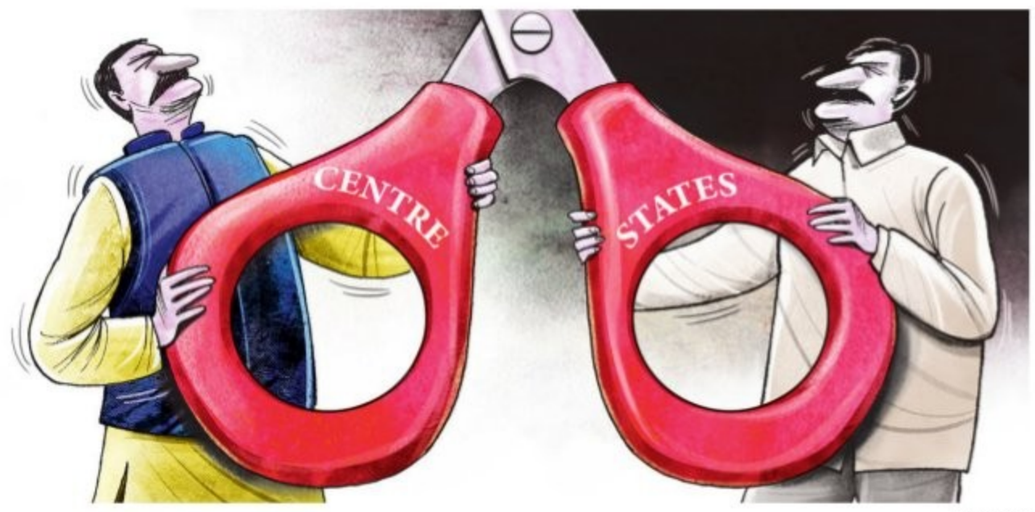
Finance Minister of Kerala



AMIT BANDRE

The impact of the pandemic on the revenue receipts of the Central and state governments has been devastating. The total average collection of GST revenue in April and May is only ₹94,323 crore, just 46% of the previous year's average bimonthly receipts. The states have been guaranteed 14% annual growth in GST revenue over the base year of 2015-16. Any shortfall has to be compensated from the receipts of Compensation Cess imposed on selected commodities that attract a GST of 28%.

The Compensation Cess Fund had already been under severe stress as the GST revenues have been far from buoyant. The increase in revenue in 2019-20 has been a meagre 3.8% compared to the previous year. The result is that even after paying ₹1.2 lakh crore as compensation, the payments were three months in arrears at the end of the financial year. And now with the pandemic, the fund requirement for compensation has dramatically increased. The payments are in arrears by more than ₹1 lakh crore already.

If fund requirements have been ballooning on the one hand, fund availability has been shrinking on the other. The collection of Compensation Cess in the months of April-May is only ₹7,332 crore. The total balance is just ₹8,013 crore. This raises a fundamental question: How can the gap between fund availability and fund requirement be bridged?

Hypothetically, there are three solutions. One is to revise the compensation formula. From the start of deliberations on GST, the states had made it clear that they would support constitutional amendment and the GST legislation only if they were given iron-clad guarantees of compensation enshrined in the Constitution itself. Accordingly, the Constitution was also amended and Parliament passed the GST (Compensation to States) Act.

It was after much deliberation that the 14% growth was guaranteed to the states. But the optimistic mood regarding the buoyancy of GST prevailing then has not been borne out by the actual outcome even after three years. The implementation has been lacklustre, with the IT backbone yet to be completed and tax administration handicapped by too many impediments. Further, the pre-election sharp reductions in tax rates without serious examination of the revenue implications have also contributed to the fall in revenue. The current rates are not revenue neutral.

It is in this context that the 15th Finance Commission Chairman formally proposed in the GST Council that it should revisit the formula. The Council refused to even consider the proposal and was unanimous in rejecting it. The response would not be different even now.

The second option is to increase the Compensation Cess rate or bring additional commodities in its net. However, there is very little chance for any proposal to increase tax rates to be approved during the pandemic slump period. Even the proposal for resolving the inverted duty structure of cloth, footwear and fertiliser, which is creating serious problems for the manufacturing sector, was rejected by the Council because it involved an upward shift of the final products to a higher tax bracket.

Therefore, we are left with the third option. The GST Council or the Compensation Fund must be empowered to borrow funds from the market and compensate the states. The period of the Compensation Cess can be extended for a year or an additional period long enough for repayment of the funds borrowed. The advantage of the third option is that it would not affect the Centre's finances. Since the loans are not taken by the Centre, it has no fiscal deficit implications. And the liabilities would be liquidated automatically from the collection of the Cess during the extended period. This proposal is not anything new.

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The issues related to compensation were discussed in the fifth to eighth council meetings. In response to these discussions, the then chairperson and Union finance minister had given the following assurance: "The Hon'ble Chairperson assured that compensation to states shall be paid for five years in full within the stipulated period of five years ...". He added that "... in case the amount in the GST Compensation Fund fell short of the compensation payable in any bimonthly period, the GST Council shall decide the mode of raising additional resources including borrowing from the market which could be paid by collection of cess in the sixth year or further subsequent years". States were assured that compensation would not be restricted to the compensation cess collected. Section 10(1) of the Compensation Act reflects this position. The alleviation of the apprehensions paved the way for a federal consensus to introduce GST in the country

However, in para 107 of the Union Budget speech 2020–21, the Union finance minister unilaterally announced the decision that, hereinafter, transfers to the fund would be limited only to collection by way of GST Compensation Cess. This declaration is against the federal consensus between the Centre and states, and the constitutional guarantee enshrined after an elaborate process. However, an understanding has been reached in the Council to have a special session to discuss and resolve the imbroglio in July.

Yet another partial solution would be to revisit the rate of apportionment of the GST between the Centre and states. Many states had adopted a consistent position during the discussions in the empowered committee that the apportionment of rates of GST should be 60:40. The basis of this argument was that the proportion of state taxes subsumed was 44% as against 28% in the case of the Centre. This logic for the apportionment in a 60:40 ratio between the states and the Centre had been recognised by the Government of India committee on Revenue Neutral Rates, headed by the then chief economic advisor. The present crisis may have provided us an opportunity to correct the historic mistake of equal apportionment of GST rates.

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A COVIDFUL OF CONFUSION AND CORRECTIONS

DR K SRINATH REDDY

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Future public health historians would be puzzled by the amount of backtracking that occurred on the slushy road of scientific recommendations related to Covid-19. That is because disparate information on the novel virus emerged in different stages of the epidemic, requiring several course corrections. This uncertain terrain will continue till surer science leads us to a straight road with less twists and turns.

The latest twist is related to whether or not asymptomatic persons infected with the virus pose a risk of transmission to others. At an unguarded moment in a press conference, a WHO spokesperson told the world that asymptomatic persons posed no risk. An avalanche of criticism poured down on the WHO from international experts and media, questioning the evidence behind that assertion and implications for public health messaging on social distancing and masks. The WHO hastened to clarify that while limited evidence was available, it was insufficient and that all precautions still needed to be observed.

What does science say, at our present level of knowledge? Among all infected persons, there will be three categories at any given time: symptomatic persons, pre-symptomatic persons who have not yet developed symptoms but will soon do so, and a truly 'asymptomatic' group that will course through the illness without experiencing typical symptoms. Usually, infection spreads when a person with symptoms coughs or sneezes, discharging several millions of viruses that spread through droplets. Normal speech can discharge a few hundred viruses, which fall short of the viral assault needed to infect, but loud speech, shouting or singing can discharge thousands of viral particles that can infect. Also, a pre-symptomatic person may suddenly transition to a symptomatic stage without forewarning, and cough or sneeze to infect those around.

While it is logical to assume that a truly asymptomatic person poses little risk, these modifying factors make any infected person unpredictably capable of dissemination. The WHO spokesperson was accurate in a limited theoretical frame, but slipped by not taking into account real world variations. Meghalaya has just announced that every person will be treated as an asymptomatic carrier "by default", to prevent community transmission. Much like security checks at airports where every person is regarded as a potential terrorist for screening, even if most travellers do not fit the profile. In an active pandemic, that practical approach outweighs a theoretical construct of who discharges how many virus particles through which act at what point in the natural history of the infection.

It is for this reason that physical distancing, masks and hand hygiene remain the troika of personal protection measures during an active epidemic. Masks were initially discouraged for common use. It was stated that only symptomatically infected persons and healthcare personnel should use them. Others were discouraged from using them, on the grounds that there was no evidence of benefit through universal use. Nevertheless, South East Asian and East Asian countries drew on their experience of past respiratory virus epidemics and decided to adopt the practice of face masks for all. The speed and success with which these countries countered the epidemic made the world take notice and the WHO changed the advisory to recommend universal use of masks. Experiential wisdom in Asia clearly cannot be discounted as evidence, even if Western countries lacked trial data. Another lesson learnt!

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Our understanding of Covid-19's effect on exposed children has also undergone a review. For quite some time, it was confidently stated that children may get infected but do not become ill. This changed recently with the reporting of an immunologically mediated multi-system inflammation in a small fraction of the infected children. Reported in the UK, US and Europe, this condition has acquired the cumbersome name of Paediatric Inflammatory Multi-system Syndrome Temporally associated with SARS-CoV2 (PIMS-TS). This resembles a condition called Kawasaki Syndrome. Here the emergence of new knowledge on children was unavailable till Europe and North America became the epicentres of infection after China. A lesson not to take anything for granted with this virus.

Another recent change involved the recommendation that symptomatic Covid-19 infected persons who are isolated can be discharged without a repeat RT-PCR test, after their symptoms subside. Previously, a virus-negative status was deemed essential for discharge. However, evidence from South Korea and China showed that several individuals who had clinically recovered continue to test positive. Detailed assessment revealed that 'dead virus particles' could continue to give a positive test result, despite clinical recovery and immunological evidence of antibody response. This phenomenon led to a Montreal woman being separated from her newborn baby for 55 days because she continued to test positive! Clearly, the recommendations had to be revised.

Science is not infallible, but it has the power of self-correction. In a new epidemic, there are many knowledge gaps early on. As fresh information is accumulated and analysed, scientific recommendations do undergo change. What is needed is a critical but open mind to appraise new data and course-correct policy on the basis of convincing evidence. Covid-19 is teaching us that lesson every day.

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Not the India of 1962

Despite the ongoing dialogue between high-level Army officials of India and China, it is shocking to know that Beijing is provoking skirmishes. At least three of our Army personnel were martyred. India has also retaliated and reports have said that the Chinese PLA has suffered more casualties. China must understand that this is not the India of 1962.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Tensions with neighbours

There are tensions almost simultaneously with China, Nepal and Pakistan. Deft handling is needed to diffuse the crises. Are our diplomatic channels ready to deal with the situation?
V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Limits of diplomacy

In spite of the bonhomie at Mamallapuram last year between PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, the border skirmishes have only escalated. Similarly Nepal, ungrateful of India's timely development assistance to it, has altered the border map. Diplomacy is fine, but India also needs to be wary of its neighbours' hypocrisy.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Provocation during pandemic

It is disheartening to learn about a major escalation by China at Ladakh. It has been more than four decades since soldiers were killed along this border. The provocation comes when China is getting isolated internationally.
B V Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

Punish lockdown violators

Tamil Nadu's decision to impose a 12-day lockdown in Chennai and three adjoining districts from June 19 was absolutely necessary. This lockdown needs to be strictly imposed and any violators should be booked. The authorities should also considerably ramp up testing.
A Mohan, Chennai

Rising fuel prices

Apart from the Covid-19 cases, the other thing that rises daily in numbers in India is the price of fuel. Today is the tenth consecutive day that they have been hiked. The government is quick to raise prices when crude cost goes up globally, whereas it gives no relief when the price falls, making a mockery of decontrol.
Dr D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

TVs & imparting education

This is with reference to the editorial *Judicious mix of normal and digital education needed* (June 16). We need online interactive learning along with recorded content (through the internet or TV) and the regular classroom. It is important to encourage TV as a medium; 95% of households in South India have televisions. The reach is much greater compared to mobile internet access.
G Krishna Kumar, Bengaluru

Reopening schools, colleges

It is time for the Centre and states to treat education as a national issue and find ways to reopen institutions from KG to PG. The lockdown should have been used to improve infrastructure.
N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Closing embassy in Pak

With the relationship between India and Pakistan turning worse by the day, it is time for India to close its embassy in Islamabad and send back Pakistan's diplomats from its embassy in New Delhi. What is the point of keeping them open?
K Pradeep, Chennai

NEET reservation welcome

The 10% reservation in NEET state quota for government school students announced by TN is welcome. The government should now take a bold decision to apply the full quota of 69% reservation to students from government schools only so that the creamy layer issue is addressed. The only exception can be RTE quota students.
Vijayaraghavan G, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
News from Ladakh is shocking & calls for resolute handling by our Govt. Let us bow our heads in tribute to the three martyrs

Sachin Pilot @SachinPilot
Three Indian soldiers having been martyred, this is deeply upsetting. My condolences to the families & prayers for the departed souls

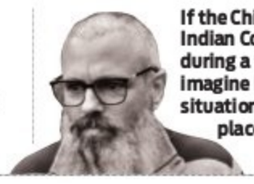
Rajeev Chandrasekhar @rajeev_mp
It's ok to be very angry at China and its CCP. Let's get behind the men and women in our armed forces and support them strongly

POLITICAL VOICES

Under Modi's leadership, Indias territorial integrity will not be compromised. We now have the political will and our Army is fully equipped to take any adversary — J P Nadda, BJP

Words cannot describe the pain I feel for the officers and men who sacrificed their lives for country. My condolences to all their loved ones. We stand with you in this difficult time —Rahul Gandhi, Cong

Govt should make statement as to what actually happened. It's imperative that both govts advance disengagement process on basis of agreed understanding — Sitaram Yechury, CPM



If the Chinese shoot dead an Indian Colonel and two jawans during a 'de-escalation process' imagine how escalated the situation must be in the first place —Omar Abdullah, NC

It's time the country stands up to these incursions. Our soldiers are not fair game that every few days officers and men are being killed and injured defending our borders — Amarinder Singh, Punjab CM

Treaties, talks have failed to resolve dispute

India and China have at least five border agreements and other mechanisms aimed at defusing border tensions but none of them have been yielded results so far

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

THE violent clash between Indian and People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on Monday occurred despite India and China having at least five border agreements and other mechanisms aimed at defusing border tensions.

According to diplomatic experts, the agreements are heavily tilted in favour of China and hence have not resulted in the de-escalation of tensions along the LAC. Also, the experts say that there has been no clear demarcation of the LAC and both India and China have different perceptions of the border and that's why clashes occur between the troops on the ground.

"The Chinese are irked with India ramping up its infrastructure along the LAC, the latest being the road leading to the Daulat Baig Oldi air base which was opened last October. Any number of agreements will not serve the purpose of solving the issue if the demarcation of the LAC is not made clear," said Sinologist and Chairperson of the Institute of Chinese Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, B R Deepak.

India and China have signed five agreements in the past with an aim to maintain peace and tranquillity along the border. They include the 1993 agreement of maintenance of peace and tranquillity along the LAC, 1996 agreement of CBM (confidence building measure) in the military field along the LAC, 2005 protocol on the modalities of CBM in the military field along the LAC, 2012 agreement on the establishment of a working mechanism for consultation and coordination on India-China border affairs and 2013 border defence cooperation agreement.

Apart from the agreements, a joint working group with political representatives of both China and India was formed in the 1980s. The JWG met several times but failed to reach any consensus on the border issue.

Apart from the JWG, a special representative was appointed during PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's time in a bid to lower tensions at the border. However, parleys between the special representatives also failed to yield any result.

"National Security Adviser Ajit Doval himself has had several rounds of talks aimed at resolving border disputes. But there has been no fructification. Till we change our mindset and policy towards the Chinese, there would be no results yielded through the mechanisms that are in place," Deepak said.

A former diplomat, who did not wish to be named, said India should also try and capture some territories like the Chinese. "It is a far-fetched proposition but that is the only way out. The Chinese have a maximalistic approach and to get them to bend, this is the only strategy. We need to have bargaining chips to enter into a negotiation with China. As is evident, the treaties and agreements related to peace and tranquillity at the LAC have yielded no results. The unfortunate part is that if India continues to deal with China the way it has so far, there will only be skirmishes and fatalities but no resolution of the conflict," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh leaves after briefing PM on India-China clash | PTI

JWG of political representatives failed, too

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STANDOFF TURNS FATAL

MAY 5-6
Indian and Chinese armies clashed near the Pangong Lake in Eastern Ladakh. It was first such incident this year

MAY 9
Another clash took place between the two troops — this time at Naku La in North Sikkim. Stones and batons were used. India and China moved additional troops along the LAC

MAY 12
Chinese choppers were reportedly seen flying close to LAC. The IAF dispatched Sukhoi Su-30MKI fighter aircraft to carry out sorties along the border

MAY 23
Army Chief General Manoj Naravane visited the headquarters of 14 Corps in Ladakh

MAY 26
Amid tension, PM Narendra Modi held a meeting with NSA Ajit Doval, CDS General Bipin Rawat and the three service chiefs

MAY 28
Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered the PLA to broaden the battle preparedness, considering the worst-case scenarios

JUNE 2
Indian and Chinese Major General-rank officers held discussions on the controversial issues. The meeting, however, reportedly remained "inconclusive"

JUNE 8
Amid military-level deliberations between India and China, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a review discussion with Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and three service chiefs

JUNE 12
Major General-level meeting held to resolve trouble areas in the Galwan Valley

JUNE 13
Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane said the entire situation along the LAC was under control

JUNE 15
A colonel and two jawans of the Indian Army were killed during a violent clash with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley, in the first such incident involving fatalities after a gap of 45 years. The Army said there were casualties on the Chinese side as well

'China took lead in perception war, India has been too low'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE news of killing of the Indian soldiers had begun doing rounds on Monday evening but the Chinese government mouthpiece *Global Times* reported first about it on Tuesday much before the Indian official communication came from the Army. The Chinese then went ballistic, accusing India of crossing the border and warning it against "unilateral action" while the Indian political and military leadership chose to react quite late in the day.

Senior military officials feel China has once again been ahead in information warfare. Former Army Chief General VP Malik said, "A clear message should have come from the political and diplomatic leadership. Soldiers are there to maintain the LAC. I was waiting till afternoon and had already known the Chinese version. It was late afternoon that the Army issued a statement."

The *Global Times* tweeted the link of the story titled 'China slams India over provocative border attacks amidst talks' around 12:15 pm. The Army came out with its version well after that saying, "During the de-escalation process underway in the Galwan Valley, a violent faceoff took place with casualties on both sides."

A sermonising tweet was released by the *Global Times*, attributing the quote to the PLA Western Theatre Command spokesperson. Going a step further, China also lodged a protest with India and sternly demanded that the country "abide by the relevant agreements and restrain their frontline troops".

India, with its muted approach, allowed China to dominate the narrative, feel soldiers. "The Chinese are the aggressors. Then why are we allowing them to go away with the script? In the perception battle, we are too slow. A dedicated group of people should be nominated to bring out a timely coherent message," said Lt-Gen AK Singh.

Parties seek clarity on LAC situation

NEW DELHI: Opposition parties sought clarity on the ground situation on the LAC while expressing shock over the turn of events and hailing the martyrdom of soldiers. The Congress accused the Modi government of remaining a mute spectator to of brazen Chinese transgressions at three points in Ladakh since April. "In last five decades, not a single casualty or martyrdom of our soldiers has happened on the Indo-China Border. What are the circumstances that have led to killing of our brave officers and soldiers by the Chinese, instead of the Chinese being forced to retreat to their original position on LAC? Will the PM come forward and take the nation into confidence?" asked the party. The CPIM asked the government to come out with an authoritative statement as to what had happened. The party politbureau expressed its deep condolences at the death of an Indian officer and two soldiers. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav tweeted to express condolence at the death of soldiers and seek a clarification on the ground situation. Hailing the sacrifice of the soldiers, one of them from Tamil Nadu DMK chief M K Stalin extended his condolences to their families. *ENS*

SITUATION GRAVE, COULD LEAD TO GREATER TENSION

The situation in Eastern Ladakh after the death of three Indian soldiers in the clashes is extremely grave now. It was already serious to begin with because of the way the PLA soldiers came and occupied Indian territory. It was initially felt it will take some hard negotiations to resolve the issue but with the latest violence leading to deaths, it could become more difficult to find a resolution.

The future course of things will depend on what are the demands of the two sides and whether both are ready to reconcile. We don't know much about the Chinese intentions this time as opposed to the Doklam or Chumar incidents. In these incidents, the problem was restricted to the construction of roads by the Chinese and we opposed it.

LT GEN D S HOODA
Former Northern Army Commander

I see this standoff leading to greater tension if what the Chinese want is unacceptable to us. If the Chinese agree to return to the original position along the LAC then the tension could ease. But, this time the Chinese don't seem to be ready to vacate the areas.

From our point of view, we need a firm strategy and show of strength on the ground with a clear message that they need to go back and restore the status quo ante. It is their responsibility also to respect the protocols. Once these broad principles are accepted, the details can be worked out. Our overall stance needs to be enunciated to the government of China.

The Eastern Ladakh clashes are not a normal, routine border incident. It has obviously been planned at the highest level. The talk of differing perceptions of the LAC and the link to the Darbuk-Shyok-Daulet Beg Oldie Road is incorrect. In my view they want to coerce India, although whether they will succeed or not is another thing.

This incident has been backed by planning, preparation and mobilisation of a large force on the ground. The size of a normal patrol is 30-40 soldiers; 4,000-5,000 troops are not expected.

The larger question is whether the Chinese want to maintain peace along the LAC or have the desire to put pressure on India and are ready to handle the risks that are associated with this step. Whatever it is, the Indian military is prepared.

In military terms the Indian capability is fairly strong on our side of the border. If it escalates our forces are conventionally strong to handle the situation. That is not a major concern and that should not limit our policy options.

Another important aspect is communication from our side. We could have handled it a little better. Without sharing the sensitive details, the factual position could have been communicated to avoid unnecessary speculation. By communicating our message through the media we are also making our stand clear to China.

INDIA MUST RAMP UP LAC INFRA

The incident at the Galwan Valley is unfortunate and alarming. China is a habitual offender and in the past too, we have seen it taking two steps backward before taking a step forward.

Like the Chinese have made their outposts more accessible with infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control, India too has started to do the same.

Earlier, the Indian side lacked approach roads to the LAC. Now that they have started building them to connect the Daulat Beg Oldie air base, the Chinese have been startled. The escalation of tensions is purely a reaction to Indian activities along the LAC.

B R DEEPAK
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Also, the Chinese side not disclosing the number of their casualties is a sign that the Indian forces stood up to their aggression. According to my sources, there have been at least three casualties on the Chinese side, including that of a Battalion Commander.

The ramping up of infrastructure by India is bound to give rise to conflicts like these, but the Indians should be prepared to stand up to them.

Despite the formation of Joint Working Groups and appointment of special representatives to deal with the issue, there has been no fructification of talks.

China had in the 1960s offered a border package deal to settle the issue once and for all. India did not accept it and instead wanted a sector-wise solution. India shares a border with China in three sectors — eastern, middle and western.

There have been at least 23 rounds of talks between the Chinese and NSA Ajit Doval, but all of them have remained inconclusive. Beijing wants to force New Delhi into solving the dispute on its terms.

Now that the balance of power is tilted heavily in favour of China, they come to the negotiation table with conditions which are rarely acceptable to India. The Chinese by themselves will not bend to solve the border issue. India should make efforts to bring them to the negotiation table without any conditions.

To do this, Indian should ramp up the infrastructure to make the LAC more accessible. Secondly, the Indian side needs to relook at all the previously agreed upon confidence building measures. It is now time for India to replace the mechanism that was in place between 1993-2013 (special representative) and look at China in an all new way — politically, militarily and diplomatically.

Country's China policy needs overhaul: Experts

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

WITH the clash between Indian and Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley turning leading to casualties on both sides, experts say a complete overhaul of policy is the only way forward in India-China relations.

"We have been dealing with the Chinese in the wrong way. What happened on Monday was unfortunate. I think that the fact that such an incident has happened despite military level engagement with our neighbour is evidence that more engagement must be taken up politically and diplomatically," a former ambassador to China said.

BR Deepak, Chairperson of the Institute of Chinese and South Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, said the situation has arisen due to the balance of power being tilted in China's favour. "It is important to relook at the policy. The balance of power is heavily tilted in China's favour. Even on the negotiation table, the odds are with the Chinese. We must engage in a way where both India and China are equals," he said.

While three Indians have been killed in the latest clash, the number of PLA casualties has not been confirmed yet.

Debashis Chaudhari of the Institute of Chinese Studies has a slightly different opinion on how India should approach relations with China. "It is beyond me as to how the Chinese are reacting, especially in the time of a global pandemic. The two sides must act as maturely as they had during the informal talks. Also, PM Narendra Modi should use the friendly relations he has developed with Xi Jinping to leverage a breakthrough in the talks," he said.

Shock, grief and cries of revenge in the villages of martyred soldiers

Kundan Kumar Ojha, (below) Palani

Bihar Regiment sepoy was son of a farmer

Sepoy Kundan Kumar Ojha belonged to Dihari village in Sahibganj district in Jharkhand and had joined the Bihar Regiment of the Indian Army in 2011. His father Ravi Shankar Ojha is a farmer.

MUKESH RANJAN & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Ranchi/Patna

SEPOY Kundan Kumar Ojha, 26, who was killed in the violent 'face-off' with Chinese troops on Monday night at Galwan Valley in Ladakh, had become the father of a daughter just 17 days ago.

Ojha belonged to Dihari village in Sahibganj district in Jharkhand and had joined the Bihar Regiment of the Indian Army in 2011. His father Ravi Shankar Ojha is a farmer.

According to family members, Ojha had last visited his home five months ago on vacation. He had talked to his family about 15 days ago. Ojha's mother Bhawani Devi was informed about her son's death over the phone by an Army official on Tuesday afternoon. Sahibganj Deputy Commissioner Varun Ranjan, however, said that he has not received any official communiqué from the Indian Army so far and was informed by the family members.

"One Subedar rank official had called the father of the deceased that his son had been killed in the face-off. I also talked to the Subedar who confirmed the news," the Deputy Commissioner added.

A pall of gloom descended on Dibhara-parsa village in Saran district of Bihar on Tuesday evening when the news of martyrdom of Sanjeev Kumar Rai, son of a retired armyman Sukh Deo Rai, attending the martyrdom reached. Villagers and neighbours gathered at the residence of the soldier and raised anti-China slogans, demanding revenge against the PLA. Sanjeev was the eldest son of Rai, who works in Kolkata after. He has a three-year-old daughter.

NEW HOTSPOT

The special helpline centre of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emerged as a major hotspot of infection in Lucknow with its 85 staffers testing positive for deadly coronavirus till date

21 NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES FOUND IN DHARAVI

Ahmedabad	35	28	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	35	25	Panaji	31	27
Jaipur	44	30	Patna	31	27
Amritsar	43	27	Lucknow	39	28
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	31	23
Srinagar	31	14	Chandigarh	42	29

An activist wearing a face shield on Tuesday protests against alleged inadequacy of Calcutta Medical Collage Hospital in admitting Covid-19 patients | PTI

Covid infectivity in India may be going down

While R0 was 1.22 before June 7, it comes down to 1.15 in the next week, shows study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

Despite a rapid and worrying surge in Covid-19 cases in several parts of the country, the reproductive factor — the rate at which every infected person transmits the disease to others — of the virus has gone down marginally over the last few days.

While R0 for SARS CoV 2 was 1.22 in the country before June 7, it came down to 1.15 in the week of June 7-14, an analysis of the disease progression by biophysicists attached with the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai has shown.

This decline assumes significance especially as many additional places like hotels, religious places, shopping malls and restaurants were allowed to open June 8 onwards across India.

The R0 refers to how many other people will catch the disease from a single infected person, in a population that hasn't been exposed to the disease before.

The analysts who studied the data from 12 worst-hit states found the disease progression to be the highest in Haryana where it was 1.72 followed by Delhi — the city seeing a bad phase in the pandemic currently — where this figure stands at 1.26.

In Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh too and Maharashtra, too, this crucial indicator of disease progression is marginally higher than the national average. For the pandemic to subise, R0 factor needs to come down under 1.

The analysis also said in Karnataka, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, the disease progression is now subexponential. In India, with 10, 667 more Covid-19 cases detected overnight — the total tally has now reached 3,43, 091 — of which 1,53,78 are active cases, while 9,900 are dead.

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> Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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The ministry also said a network of 907 labs has been created which includes 659 labs in the government sector and 248 in the private sector. These labs include 534 RT-PCR-based testing, 302 True Nat-based testing and 71 CBNAAT-based testing.

The Center also said that while states such as Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh have fixed reasonable rates for Covid 19 care in private hospitals, others too should follow the suit.

'Safety of students more important than exams'

*Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** on Tuesday said the safety of students is of utmost importance at the moment as uncertainty over engineering, medical and law entrance examinations has left students across the country anxious and worried. He said examinations can be conducted later on.*

*Pokhriyal was speaking on 'the challenges and solutions related to education in a post-coronavirus' with **Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express,** on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with prominent people. They were also joined by **S Vaidhyasubramaniam, vice-chancellor of SASTRA Deemed-to-be University.***

"The decision will depend on the prevalent situation. We care about our students' safety first; they are our future... We are focusing on their wellbeing amid the coronavirus pandemic," said

Stating that the last two months have been difficult for students, the HRD minister said: "I worked for almost 16-18 hours every day. Some students were in hostels, some on the roads, schools were not in their regular working conditions, so handling the situation was not an easy task. Then some decisions had to be taken about competitive, university and board exams. There wasn't a single day when I didn't have to make a significant decision. In these two months, we interacted with 33 crore students, more than 1 crore teachers and students' parents through online conferences. We also spoke to the states' education ministers daily to make important decisions about schools and higher

education," he said.

He added that the Centre has come up with various means for students to not lose out on their academic sessions.

"The UGC is working towards making online education possible in the country, it is taking steps in the right direction. We are working day and night to create greater reach and make online education accessible to all. We have tried our best to make it possible for rural students to study online through TV sets if laptops or phones are available. We update the SWAYAM portal's content regularly, DIKSHA portal is also there, e-Paathshala has CBSE study material in almost 15 languages," added Pokhriyal.

The government is also ready to collaborate with companies, organisations who come up with apps that can help students. "We already set up the Aarogya Setu app for people's safety. Similarly, the National Test Abhyas app for NEET students has all kinds of material. It has already been downloaded over 6,50,000 times. Over 11,20,000 students have taken the mock tests," he added.

On reopening of schools, Pokhriyal said: "It all depends on how prepared schools are. Whenever we decide to open schools, we will speak to states, the home ministry and follow all necessary guidelines provided by the health ministry. However, what matters the most now is the safety of our students. Education is equally important but we need to take precautions first as the situation demands."

Responding to Vaidhyasubramaniam's question on what policy changes Indian education system could see post-Covid-19, the minister said: "Changes are happening on its own, like learning from the comfort of our homes. Now, we will form policies accordingly, create new curriculums and how to make them more engaging and interactive."

India's timely decisions effective in containing corona spread: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi said that the collective response to the Covid-19 pandemic in India has showcased the best example of cooperative federalism. The prime minister also stated that timely decisions taken to combat the pandemic have been effective in containing its spread. Modi met chief ministers of all states on Tuesday to assess the current situation amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"When we look back, people will remember that we have presented an example for cooperative federalism to the world. We have tried to save each and every life," said Modi during the interaction. It was the sixth round of meeting between Modi and chief ministers since the pandemic started.

The prime minister pointed out that the recovery rate in the country was now over 50 per cent and India remained one of the nations with the least deaths due to the Covid-19 pandemic. "The big lesson is that if we remain disciplined and follow all rules, coronavirus will cause least damage," he added.

Modi also gave an account of the green shoots in the economy noting the rise in power consumption, fertilizer sale, Kharif sowing, production of two wheelers, toll collection, exports and digital payment in retail rising to pre-lockdown level. He stressed that testing and tracing should be increased to allow more space for the economic activities.

PM Narendra Modi during a discussion with CMs, L-Gs via video conferencing | PTI

> Health infrastructure will need to be boosted with emphasis on testing and tracing. Economic activity will also need to be increased. The decisions need to be taken keeping in view of both the current needs and future requirements — Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

"Health infrastructure will need to be boosted with emphasis on testing and tracing. Economic activity will also need to be increased. The decisions need to be taken keeping in view of both the current needs and future requirements," Modi told the chief ministers in his concluding remarks.

The chief ministers of Punjab, Assam, Jharkhand, Kerala, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and other states, beside the administrators of the Union Territories, took part in the deliberations over the video conference.

Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman and Harsh Vadhan were also present during the interaction. Shah told the chief ministers that even while the country has so far fought a successful battle against the pandemic, the road ahead is long. The CM are learnt to have given presentations of measures being taken by the states to contain the pandemic, with thrust on micro-management of cases and their contacts. They also called upon the Centre to look at the financial hardship faced by the states.

Rajasthan: After Cong, BJP shifts MLAs to hotel for 'workshop'

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

THE BJP has shifted all its MLAs in Rajasthan to a five-star hotel in Jaipur ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections on Friday. Ironically, the opposition party has been attacking the ruling Congress for shifting its legislatures to a resort in the Pink City last week.

Over 190 of Rajasthan's 200 MLAs are now in 'political quarantine' just three days before the polls. While Congress MLAs are holed up in JW Marriott hotel, BJP legislators have checked into Crown Plaza hotel.

'Political quarantine'

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The BJP, however, has termed the herding together of the MLAs a 'Training Workshop'. The MLAS were moved to the hotel after a meeting with central observer V Murlidhar and were given tips about the voting process for the Rajya Sabha elections. Former CM Vasundhara Raje has not joined the group but BJP sources claim she will reach Jaipur on Thursday and join the MLAs.

Apart from the threat of poaching and horse-trading, sources said that another reason for herding the MLAs is that both parties have about 30 first-time legislators who have never voted in RS polls. These MLAs need to be trained to ensure that no votes are wasted in these crucial elections.

Gulabchand Kataria, the leader of Opposition in Rajasthan Assembly, said the BJP needed to organise a two-day camp to train the new lawmakers. Kataria justified fielding of the second candidate by BJP citing the same reason.

"If we had not put up a fourth candidate, then there would have been no need for voting and our first-time MLAs would not have got any experience or training of voting," he claimed. The BJP has fielded Rajendra Gehlot and Onkar Singh, while the Congress has named KC Venugopal and Neeraj Dangi for the three Rajya Sabha seats in the state. In Rajasthan, each candidate needs at least 51 votes to be elected.

Both Congress candidates are expected to get elected easily as the Congress has 107 MLAs in the assembly. It also enjoys the support of 13 Independents, two each from Left and BTP and one MLA from the RLD. The BJP has the support of three MLAs from the RLP in addition to its 72 MLAs.

'Deeply distressed' Sonia writes to PM, demands rollback of fuel price hike

NEW DELHI: Congress president **Sonia Gandhi** on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to roll back the hike in fuel prices, saying the government's decision is nothing short of profiteering off its people.

In a letter to the PM, Gandhi said she was deeply distressed that in these exceedingly difficult times since the beginning of March, the government has taken the "wholly insensitive" decision to increase petrol and diesel prices on no less than ten separate occasions.

"Your government is seeking to earn an additional revenue of nearly ₹2,60,000 crore by these ill-advised hikes in excise duty and increases in the petrol of diesel. As it is, people across the board are facing unimaginable hardships what to say of widespread fear and insecurity. These price increases are saddling our people with an additional burden of this enormous magnitude that is neither justified nor appropriate," she said.

She added that she did not see any logic in why the government would consider such a price increase at a time when the economic impact of Covid-19 is depriving millions of jobs and livelihood. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Ayodhya: Yogi likely to perform 'bhoomi pujan'

Lucknow: With restrictions being eased out during unlock 1.0, the activity on the Ram Janmabhoomi premises in Ayodhya has gained noticeable momentum. While the ground levelling work across the 70-acre premises is almost over, the Shree Ram Janmbhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust is now preparing for laying the foundation stone of the proposed temple by conducting a 'bhoomi pujan' ceremony, tentatively on July 1. If sources are to be believed, UP CM Yogi Adityanath may lay the foundation stone of the proposed temple by performing the bhoomi pujan at the temple town. The sources said the PM could join the ceremony.

Press Council of India seeks J&K govt reply on 'fake news' in its media policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Press Council of India (PCI) has sought comments from the Jammu and Kashmir government on the provisions of fake news in its media policy. This move interferes with the free functioning of the press, the council said while taking suo-motu cognisance of the issue.

The move would enable officers to decide what qualifies as fake news in print, electronic and other forms of media and act against journalists and media organisations, the PCI said.

"Taking note of the provisions regarding 'fake news' mentioned in the Media Policy 2020 whereby Govt of Jammu and Kashmir authorises its officers to decide on the content of print, electronic and their forms of media for 'fake news' and proceed against journalists and media organisations, the Press Council of India has moved suo-motu as the matter affects the free functioning of the press," the council statement said.

The PCI had recently sought a report from the UP government on an FIR lodged against a journalist.

According to a recently released report by watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), India slipped two places in the World Press Freedom Index 2020 ranking 142 among 180 countries.

The RSF report said India's ranking was 'heavily affected' by the situation in Kashmir. Referring to the abrogation of Article 370, the report said the government shut down fixed line and mobile internet connections for several months.

Gehlot offers corona test to other states

CM Ashok Gehlot has offered to help the neighbouring states of UP, Delhi, MP, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat with up to 5,000 coronavirus tests per day. The state has attracted positive attention for its 'Bhilwara Model' with a large number of tests and high recovery rate during the coronavirus crisis. Now, it has offered to conduct coronavirus tests for people from other states too. Gehlot said the state government is ready to cooperate with neighbouring states 'like a good neighbour' in these troubled times. Rajasthan already has a testing capacity of 25,000 tests per day.

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JAIPUR DIARY

Rajasthan looking to lure European investors

Businesses across the world are planning to diversify manufacturing bases due to the Covid-19 crisis. Rajasthan is aiming to cash in on the changing dynamic by offering the best opportunity to investors. The top bureaucrats of the state, including Chief Secretary DB Gupta, had a web interaction with ambassadors, diplomats, and business representatives from seven European countries on Tuesday. The webinar was attended by over 30 firms across various sectors like Pharmaceuticals, Agro, Fertilisers, Cement, etc. Gupta briefed them about the opportunities and advantages of investing in Rajasthan citing its transparent and attractive policy framework of incentives. Officials said major re-alignments are expected in the international business environment and Rajasthan is an apt destination.

World's largest bird feeling at home

Ostrich, considered the largest bird species on earth, belongs to the African continent. However, it seems to be feeling at home in Jaipur. Avantika, a female ostrich at the Jaipur Zoo, has laid eight eggs. She is one of the two female ostriches brought from Chennai recently to accompany the male ostrich Bahubali. This is the first time that an ostrich has laid eggs in the state of Rajasthan. Arvind Mathur, Senior Veterinary Officer of Jaipur Zoo, said that the zoo has first brought in the pair of Bahubali and another female called Devasena. However, Devasena died within a few days of coming here.

Rajasthan MLAs give boost to hotel industry

The political tussle in Rajasthan has given the bleeding hospitality and tourism sector a shot in the arm. Both main political parties of the state have booked their MLAs in luxury hotels due to the fear of horse-trading and poaching from the other side ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls. While the Congress has booked JW Marriot for its MLAs, the lawmakers from BJP have checked into Crown Plaza hotel from Tuesday. While some Congress MLAs are busy doing yoga and play sports, others prefer to stay fit by cycling. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot was also seen kicking a football with the Congress MLAs.

369 households

placed under quarantine after dozens of people tested positive for the new coronavirus in Berlin

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	23	SNY	Los Angeles	24	16	LC
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	3	LC
Doha	43	30	SNY	Moscow	30	17	LC
Dubai	42	28	SNY	New York	24	16	LC
Houston	37	22	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	25	16	SNY
London	22	14	TDS	Washington DC	23	19	LR

BERLIN

2 neo-Nazis on trial for killing German politician

A German court begin hearing the case against two far-right extremists accused of killing Walter Luebcke, a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's party, in June 1, 2019. Stephan Ernst, a 46-year-old, is accused of murder, with the second man, identified only as Markus H owing to privacy rules, is charged with being an accessory to murder.

PARIS

French reinforcements sent to Dijon to stop violence

The French government sent police reinforcements and a top official to the Dijon region to quell four nights of unusually violent clashes between rival groups that have left at least 10 injured and cars burned and rattled the community. Local officials say it appears the violence is linked to the drug trade and tensions between the Chechen community and other groups.

TOKYO

Japan to scrap unpopular US missile defence system

Japan's Defence Ministry has said that it has decided to stop unpopular plans to deploy two costly land-based US missile defence systems aimed at bolstering the country's capability against threats from North Korea. The government in 2017 approved adding the two Aegis Ashore systems to bolster the country's current defences.

ALBUQUERQUE

Man arrested in shooting during US statue protest

A 31-year-old man has been arrested in a shooting that happened as protesters in New Mexico's largest city tried to tear down a statue of Juan de Onate, a Spanish conquistador, outside the Albuquerque Museum. The shooting occurred near a Monday night confrontation between protesters and a group of armed men who protected the statue.

Case surge: Travel ban in Beijing

40 new cases reported, including 27 in Beijing, bringing the city's total to 106; Residential areas locked down and announced new restrictions, including barring citizens from leaving the city

BEIJING

CHINA increased testing and lockdown measures in parts of the capital Tuesday to control what appeared to be its largest coronavirus outbreak in more than two months.

The 40 new cases reported on Tuesday included 27 in Beijing, bringing the city's total to 106 since Friday.

Many of the recent cases have been linked to Beijing's Xinfadi wholesale market and authorities have been testing market workers, anyone who visited the market in the past two weeks and anyone who came into contact with either group. Fresh meat and seafood in the city and elsewhere in China was also being inspected on the unlikely chance that was how the virus spread.

Residential communities around the market have been put under lockdown, along with the area around a second market, where three cases were confirmed. In all, 90,000 people are affected in the two neighbourhoods in the city of 20 million.

Authorities are also barring residents of areas considered at high risk from leaving Beijing and those from such areas who have already left must report to local health bureaus as soon as possible.

Residents line up to get tested at a testing centre in Beijing, China, on Tuesday | AP

Taxis and car-hailing services have been banned from taking people out of the city and the number of passengers on buses, trains and subways will also be limited and all are required to wear masks. The outbreak may also be disrupting plans to restart China Super League football matches as early as next month. Coaches and players for Beijing Guoan, the city's top team have been tested and given a week off because their training camp is in the same district as the source of the latest outbreak, local media reported on Tuesday.

China had relaxed most of its controls after the ruling Communist Party declared victory over the virus in March, but Beijing suspended Monday's planned restart of some primary schools and reversed the relaxation of some social isolation measures.

Until the new outbreak, most of China's recent cases were nationals returning as Covid-19 spread globally. China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday the virus type found in the Beijing outbreak was a "major epidemic strain" in Europe.

Wu Zunyou, the body's chief epidemiologist, told state broadcaster *CCTV* the outbreak "most likely" originated from outside China or other parts of the country. *Agencies*

Two women test +ve, NZ no longer Covid-free

WELLINGTON: New Zealand is no longer free from the new coronavirus after health officials say two women who flew from London to see a dying parent had tested positive. But before they were tested, the women had been given an exemption to leave quarantine on compassionate grounds and had travelled from Auckland to Wellington by car. Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield said that as part of their travel plan, the women had no contact with any people or any public facilities on their road trip. Officials immediately began tracking anyone that came in contact with the pair

Donald Trump reduces US troops for German 'delinquency'

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump said on Monday he is ordering a major reduction in US troop strength in Germany, a move widely criticised by members of his own party as a gift to Russia and a threat to US national security.

"We're putting the number down to 25,000 soldiers," Trump said at the White House.

The US currently has about 34,500 troops in Germany — far fewer than during the Cold War, when Germany was the central focus of American and NATO efforts to deter invasion by the former Soviet Union.

In recent decades, Germany has hosted key American military facilities and provided a transit point for troops deploying to and from the Middle East, including during years of conflict in Iraq. Trump faulted Germany for failing to pay enough for its own defense, calling the longtime NATO ally "delinquent."

"We're protecting Germany and they're delinquent. That doesn't make sense," the president said, referring to Germany's failure thus far to attain a goal set by all NATO members in 2014 to spend at least 2 per cent of gross national product on defense by 2024. Germany says it hopes to reach 2 per cent by 2031.

"Until they pay, we're removing our soldiers, a number of our soldiers," Trump said. His plan, however, did not sound fully defined.

"When we get down to 25,000 we'll see where we're going," he said.

Since his election in 2016, Trump has pushed for the 2 per cent as a hard target, and has repeatedly singled out Germany as a major offender, though many others are also below the goal. In addition to the 34,500 US troops, there are also approximately 17,500 Defense Department civilians. The administration has contemplated a partial troop withdrawal from Germany since last year. The decision was not discussed in advance with Germany or other NATO members, and Congress was not officially informed — prompting a letter from 22 Republican members of the House Armed Services Committee urging a rethink. *AP*

Military crucial for America, Europe, says Germany

WARSAW

The presence of US troops in Germany is important for European and American security, Germany's foreign minister said Tuesday after President Donald Trump announced he would cut the number stationed there.

"We think that the US presence in Germany is important for the security not just of Germany, but also for the security of the United States and especially for the security of Europe," Heiko Maas said during a visit to Poland a day after Trump's announcement.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg on Tuesday also said that US troops in Europe made both sides of the Atlantic safer. Defence ministers from the alliance will discuss Trump's plans during video talks on Wednesday and Thursday. Maas said Germany had not been given any details on when and how the redeployment might take place. *AFP*

China fuelling 'infodemic': Australia min

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S foreign minister accused China on Tuesday of contributing to a climate of "fear and division" over the coronavirus pandemic in a speech also attacking Russia and Turkey for spreading disinformation about the disease. Speaking at the Australian National University in Canberra, Marise Payne said the virus had provided fertile ground for fake news, and highlighted Twitter's action in uncovering the role Russia, China and Turkey had allegedly played on the platform.

"Twitter disclosed over 32,000 accounts as state-linked information operations, which the company attributed to Russia to China and to Turkey," Payne said.

N Korea blows up office to rebuke Seoul

SEOUL

NORTH Korea blew up an inter-Korean liaison office building just north of the heavily armed border with South Korea on Tuesday, in a carefully choreographed, largely symbolic display of anger that puts pressure on Washington and Seoul amid deadlocked nuclear diplomacy.

Although the building was empty and the North had previously signalled its plans to destroy it, the move is still the most provocative act by North Korea since it entered nuclear talks in 2018 after a US-North Korean standoff had many fearing war. It will pose a serious setback to the efforts of liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in to engage the North.

Smoke raising in the North Korean border town of Kaesong is seen from Paju, South Korea, Tuesday | AP

North Korea's official *Korean Central News Agency* said the country destroyed the office in a "terrific explosion" because its "enraged people" were determined to "force (the) human scum, and those who have sheltered the scum, to pay dearly for their crimes," apparently referring to North Korean defectors living in South Korea who for years have floated anti-Pyongyang leaflets across the border.

South Korea's government later released military surveillance video showing clouds of smoke rising from the ground as a building collapsed at a now-shuttered joint industrial park in Kaesong where the liaison office stood. *AP*

African nations seek scrutiny of United States, others over racism

GENEVA

AFRICAN nations have prepared a draft resolution at the UN's top human rights body that singles out the United States and would launch intense international scrutiny of systemic racism against people of African descent in the wake of recent high-profile killings of blacks by American police.

The draft text, a copy of which was obtained by *The Associated Press*, could become the centrepiece for an urgent debate hastily scheduled for Wednesday for the Geneva-based Human Rights Council.

It calls for a commission of inquiry — the rights body's most powerful tool to inspect human rights violations — to look into "systemic racism" and alleged violations of international human rights law and abuses against "Africans and of people of African descent in the United States of America and other parts of the world recently affected by law enforcement agencies" especially encounters that resulted in deaths.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **DIKSHA GUPTA** D/o Sri Amit Gupta, aged about 19 years, Residing at #393, 42nd Cross, 9th Main Road, Jayanagar 5th Block, Bengaluru. Have changed my name as **DEEKSHA GUPTA** vide affidavit Date: 15.06.2020 before Notary H.S. Dharma Prasad, Bengaluru - 560041

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NEMINATH DHARANENDRA JINAGOUDA**, S/o. Dharanendra, aged about 41 years, resident of No. 28, 3rd Main, Sathyanarayana Road, Behind Swayam Prabhu Kalyanamantapa, Kamakshipalya, Kamakshipalya VTC, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079, State Karnataka, have changed my name from **JANAGOUDA NEMINATH** to **NEMINATH DHARANENDRA JINAGOUDA.** Vide affidavit dated 15-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMAD ARIF ALI**, residing at No.60, 33/1, 3rd Cross, Meenakshi Layout, C.K. Palya Road, Off. Bannerghatta Road, Hommadevanahalli, Gottigere Post, Bangalore - 560 083, I am also known, called, recognized in the names of **MUHAMMED ARIF ALI, MOHAMMAD ARIF ALI, MOHD ARIF ALI, M. ARIF ALI** and **ARIF ALI M,** this all names refers to one and the same person i.e. myself only, vide affidavit dated 16/06/2020 before Notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VITTAL KAMKAR**, S/o. **Keshav**, R/at No. 1634, Koppad Galli, Bailhongal, Belgaum – 591102 have changed my name to **VITTHAL KAMKAR** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 before Notary **H.G. Venkataramu,** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **LAKKANNA** S/o Chikkanna, working in a private company, R/o No. 329, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Bhadrappa Layout, Bangalore-560 094 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **LAKSHMAN**, vide affidavit dated 16-6-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. HEMALATHA** at Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, Jyothi P.R., W/o. **Sri. Ajay Pavithran,** aged about 42 years, residing at No. C - 1700/14, Dwaraka 3rd Main, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore - 560 092, declare and confirm that my name is **Jyothi P.R.** and also known as **Jyothi Ajay** vide affidavit dated 12.06.2020 sworn before **A.S. Narayana Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANIRUDH**, S/o. **Jagadish Kerekodi Mutt Lingaradhya**, R/at No. U-108, Ultimate Comforts Apartment, Anantapura Road, Opp Duo Marvel Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064 have changed my name to **ANIRUDDH JAGDISH** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 Before Notary **H.G. Padmanabha Rao**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **SUNEETHA P.G.** W/o Vinayakumar H K, D/o Govindarao P V., Tailor, R/o Sumangalinilaya Out House, B B Street, Near Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Shivamogga, Shimoga, Doddapete-577 202, Karnataka, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **ANUSHA V.,** vide affidavit dated 16-6-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. HEMALATHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vidyadhar Nagar Nayak, S/o. Mr.Sudershan N Nayak, aged 46 years, R/at No.676, Ashirvad, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-91, have changed my daughter's name from **'ARPITA NAGAR NAYAK' to 'SHANNAYAA NAYAK'** Vide Affidavit dated 16.06.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S.S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRADHYUMANA**, S/o. **Jagadish Kerekodi Mutt Lingaradhya**, R/at No. U-108, Ultimate Comforts Apartment, Anantapura Road, Opp Duo Marvel Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064 have changed my name to **PRADHYUMNA JAGDISH** vide affidavit dated 15/06/2020 Before Notary **H.G. Padmanabha Rao**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I , Sumana.K.M D/o Muniratna Mudaliar.K is legally wedded spouse of Ex-Sgt Lokanathan.T presently residing at C/o V.Thangavelu, No.09 Ground Floor, "Agraja" 1st 'A' Cross, 1st Main Road, Ambhabhavani Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, North, Bengaluru (Karnataka) 560097, I Have Changed My Name from **Sumana Lokanath to Sumana K.M** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.06.2020 Notary S.R.Ravikumar Bangalore. Henceforth, I Shall be called **Sumana K.M**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lakshminarayana M.H. S/o. Hanumantharayappe, R/a #160, 3rd Main, behind sri mallikarjuna Temple, B.H.E.L. Mini colony, Mallasandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-57, Declare that Lakshminarayana M.H., H. Lakshminarayana, Lakshmi Narasimhaiah M.H. and Lakshminarayan, above all names are belongs to me only, Henceforth, I, Shall be Called as Lakshminarayana M.H. vide affidavit dated: 13.6.2020 before notary N. Mahesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. SANDEEP B. JAIN**, S/o. Mr. Jaiwin Jain, Aged about 40 years, presently Residing at Flat No. # 72, 7th Floor, Kalpatharu Apartments, Race Course Road, Madhavanagar, Bangalore - 560 001, have changed my name from **JOGRAJ JAIN** alias **SANDEEP JAIN** to **SANDEEP B. JAIN.** Vide affidavit dated 12-06-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Jain Swarnamala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anjoo Devy, D/o Shailendra Pandey, Spouse of Bipin Bihari Dixit, Resident of TMQ-205/02 C/O HQ TC(U) JC Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 006, have changed my name from **Anjoo Devy** to **Anjoo Dixit** vide Affidavit dated: 02nd June 2020

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BYAMMA,** previously called as **AMMAYYA,** D/o. Late Veerappa, W/o Late Ramaiah, (Date of Birth: 01.01.1932) Residing at No.30, Old Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560008. I state that, in Aadhaar Card my name has entered as **'AMMAYYA'** and in property documents my name has entered as **'BYAMMA'.** Hereby declare that, **'BYAMMA'** and **'AMMAYYA'** names are one and same, both the names belongs to me only. Vide Affidavit dated 10.06.2020, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Public A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

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THANKSGIVING

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the property shown in the schedule below from its owner viz. Dr. Sanjana Rao alias Sanjana J. Rao, W/o. Dr. Karthik J., residing at No. #G1703, 17th Floor, ETA Garden Apartment, Magadi Road, Bangalore 560 023.

Any person(s) having any claims or rights over the schedule property or having any valid and tenable objections to the proposal of my client to purchase the schedule property may lodge his/their claims/rights or objections, if any with the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if no valid objections or claims are received within the said period, my client shall proceed with the transactions and no claims/objections received thereafter will be entertained nor will it bind my client.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the vacant House No. 34 (old No. 47), PID No. 36-78-34, situated in the layout formed by the National Housing Co-Op. society, Ltd., 2nd Main, Prashanthnagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet North to South 40 feet, and consist of 2000 sq. ft., total built up area and bounded:-East by : Private Property West by : 40 feet Road North by : Site No. 48 and South by : Road

Bangalore, Date: 16/06/2020

SRI. K. S. RAVI Advocate, No. 53/1, D.T. Street, Malleswaram, 8th Cross, Banalore-03 Mob: 9945000789

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Current Price ₹1,330

Target Price ₹1,520

Colgate: Colgate has strong moats in the form of brand, global expertise, distribution and concentrated category focus. Therefore, it has been able to make a comeback several times in the past few decades after losing market share for some time. Importantly, the company does not need any material capex until Dec'22.

– Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

FUND RAISE

SBI PLANS ₹20,000 CR CAPITAL MOP-UP BY MARCH 2021

The country's largest lender SBI on Tuesday said it will seek shareholders' approval in mid-July to raise up to ₹20,000 crore equity capital through various means in the current fiscal. "We advise that a general Meeting of the shareholders of State Bank of India will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the State Bank Auditorium, State Bank Bhavan Complex, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai. "If the conditions are not conducive and the local authorities do not permit to hold physical general meeting, the meeting will be held through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual Means facility to transact business," SBI said.

SECURITY

'INDIAN COMPANIES SHIFTING ACCOUNTS TO STABLE BANKS'

Worried about the stability of the financial sector, many Indian companies are shifting their accounts to larger and more stable banks, said a report from New Greenwich Associates. The outbreak of COVID-19 has created an unprecedented crisis around the globe impacting the financial sector hard. For an Indian banking system already in turmoil before the outbreak of the global pandemic, the COVID-19 crisis represents an especially stern test. In response to the perceived threat, India's companies are "fleeing to the safety" of the country's largest banks, said the report which was released by the rating agency Crisil.

STEEP FALL

HPCL Q4 NET PROFIT DROPS 99% ON INVENTORY, FOREX LOSSES

Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) on Tuesday reported a steep 99 per cent drop in its net profit to ₹27 crore for the March quarter as refining margins plunged and inventory losses mounted because of a sharp fall in international oil prices. The company had posted a net profit of ₹2,970 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. "The drop in net profit was mainly because of inventory losses and exchange rate fluctuations," HPCL Chairman and Managing Director M K Surana told reporters. The company suffered an inventory loss of ₹4,113 crore in the January-March 2020 quarter.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
376.42 ▲ Sensex 33,605.2 | 100.3 ▲ Nifty 9,914

GOLD
₹49 ▲ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,754 | ₹49 ▲ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,735

SILVER
₹955 ▲ Per kg ₹47,870 | ₹1 ▲ Per gm ₹47.8

FOREX
▲ Dollar 76.20 ▲ Euro 85.53

350 FIRMS UNDER RADAR

CBIC cracks down on GST evaders

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has begun to tighten the noose around tax evaders amidst a sharp increase in instances of tax frauds during the nationwide lockdown. Sources say that the tax authorities have zeroed in on 350 companies which are suspected of tax evasion.

"GST Intellegence has sent a list of about 350 such companies in various zones, suspected of tax evasion including export companies, a few medical device companies, small pharma companies and manufacturers, and private hospitals... a target has been set for each zone," a senior official told TNIE.

The move came after GST intelligence detected tax evasion of ₹225 crore by a pan masala company. The unit has since flagged many such incidents of evasion where many companies have used the relaxations during the pandemic to evade tax.

The CBIC has instructed all its zonal office to closely investigate these cases and come down heavily on tax evaders who are misusing relaxations granted during the pandemic to gain an advantage.

"The department is extending its help to businesses affected by the lockdown by relaxing norms for many earlier procedures. However, the office received multiple complaints where unscrupulous elements are using these relaxations to evade tax. While we are making things easier for honest taxpayers, we will not be soft on tax evaders, " a senior CBIC official said.

The CBIC has asked for a detailed report on each case.

Tax evasion has been a consistent problem. According to the Fifteenth Finance Commission's (FFC) presentation in January this year, the government may be losing ₹5 lakh crore annually in indirect tax revenue due to defaults and evasion. As revenue collection remains a matter of concern, the government is trying all measures to increase collections by putting a check on cases of evasion.

The Centre's share of GST collections in the financial year was ₹6 lakh crore as opposed to the revised estimate of ₹6.12 lakh crore. While the Budget pegs Central GST at ₹5.8 lakh crore for 2020-21, multiple crises make the target a difficult one to achieve.

Collection target not easy

While the Budget pegs Central GST at ₹5.8 lakh crore for 2020-21, multiple crises make the target a difficult one to achieve due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns

Advance tax collections decline sharply

As of June 15, gross advance tax collections were down by 31 per cent and advance corporation tax by 79 per cent

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE lockdown has considerably impacted revenue collections for the government in the first quarter. According to government officials, as of June 15, gross advance tax collections were down by 31 per cent and advance corporation tax by 79 per cent.

"Gross direct tax collection fell a full 31 per cent to ₹1,37,825 crore in the June quarter of FY21. Also, the corporate advance tax kitty is down by 79 per cent," sources in the revenue department said. The last day to pay advance taxes was June 15.

According to sources, total collections had stood at ₹1,99,755 crore for the full first quarter of the previous year. Officials in the revenue department say that the decline is primarily due to the lockdown and the deadline extension given by the government to file tax returns. However, while the officials expect that collections will improve in coming months, they are still expected to be far below the targets set by the Centre for the year.

₹1.37 L cr was the gross advance tax collections made as of June 15

Shortfall set to widen further
While collections are expected to improve, they are still likely to be far below the Centre's targets

₹1.99 L cr was the gross tax collections made last year during the full first quarter

"We will see a recovery in collection by the second half of this year. However, given the situation (disruption caused by the pandemic), the collections will remain below the target. We are expecting some relief from the Vivaad se Vishwas scheme. However, it is too early to predict any number at this stage, " the official added.

The Centre's net direct tax collection stood at ₹10.27 lakh crore during 2019-20, a record shortfall of ₹1.45 lakh crore even after lowering the target in the revised estimates (RE) to ₹11.70 crore. Out of this, the centre received ₹5.56 lakh crore as corporation tax and ₹4.58 lakh crore as personal income tax. The gross tax collection for FY20 was ₹20.09 lakh crore, against the revised estimate of ₹21.63 lakh crore.

What is more worrying is the fact that the gross tax collection trend is lower than the previous year's. It was due to a continuous fall in revenue collection that India closed FY20 with a fiscal deficit of 4.59 per cent of the GDP against the target of 3.8 per cent.

Delhi ATF prices increased by 16.3% in second straight hike this month

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) in Delhi was increased on Tuesday by ₹5,494.50 per kilolitre (kl), or 16.3 per cent, to ₹39,069.87 per kilolitre. This is the second time in the current month when prices of ATF have been increased significantly by oil marketing companies. Earlier, on June 1, the prices of ATF were hiked by a record 56.5 per cent or ₹12,126.75 per kilolitre.

ATF prices are revised on the 1st and 16th of every month by oil companies.

The increase in retail prices of jet fuels comes at a time when global oil prices have begun recovering after falling to record lows in April. According to industry experts, the increase in prices will improve the earnings of OMCs. However, for airlines who have just resumed their operations, the price increase does not portend good times.

"We wanted to reap the benefits of very low fuel prices as the aviation industry is going through its worst phase. The prices, which are still low, is nowhere near the price levels of last month when flights were suspended," said a senior executive of a private airline.

Jet fuel prices had come down to ₹21,448.62 per kilolitre last month from ₹64,323.76 per kilolitre in February. ATF makes up for as much as 40 per cent of an airline's running cost. Separately, the International Air Transport Association also warned that the airline industry faces a hard winter and called on governments to continue providing relief measures. Global airlines are expected to post $84.3 billion in losses this year.

'Direct monetisation unlikely to result in inflationary trends'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

CONSIDERING the extraordinary circumstances, the RBI and the government should explore an out-of-the-box solution to manage rising bond yields in a post-Covid scenario, according to SBI Research.

As of now, the government's total consolidated net borrowings stand at ₹18.9 lakh crore, of which, even in the best case scenario, the market could absorb only about ₹13.8 lakh crore leaving a gap of ₹5.12 lakh crore for RBI to fill in. The government has also been doing switches at regular intervals and which has been impacting the duration in the market and hence long term yield movements, according to Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI.

"We are assuming that the demand for banks could reach an all-time high of Rs 5.91 lakh crore, but that is clearly contingent on the assumption of almost minimal credit growth in FY21 (less than 5%) and thus banks continuing to hold 27% in SLR," he said. According to Ghosh, options in front of the RBI and the government include a further reduction of repo rates by at least another 100 basis points (1%) from the current 4 per cent. "With inflation set to decline precipitously from the current levels to below 3%, average growth during FY21-22 to be less than 1% and given that asset quality of Indian banks as per RBI own study is sensitive to real rates apart from a reservation credit growth, we believe aggressive rate cuts could limit the cost of government borrowings," he noted.

Ghosh also recommended that the RBI has to communicate to the market about its comfort level: regarding risk spreads on the 10-year yield and repo rates. "There has been a perceptible decline in money multiplier in the Indian context. Thus, it's unlikely that a direct monetisation if used as a policy option will have any inflationary consequences," he noted, adding that rising digital transactions led to a decline in money multiplier changing the composition of households' savings from currency to others.

Exit strategies in focus

Citing examples of global central banks' exit strategies, Ghosh pointed to how the Bank of Japan (BoJ) adopted Yield Curve Control in late 2016 pegging yield on 10-year bonds at 0%. However, he added that there were downsides and the exit strategy needs calibration

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Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI

Samsung partners Flipkart, Amazon for first post-lockdown discount sale

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SOUTH Korean electronics major Samsung has launched a new range of TVs under its new 2020 Frame series with deep discounting in an effort to woo back buyers. The sale will go live June 19 on Flipkart and Amazon as the e-commerce majors roll out their first online sales post the Covid-19-driven lockdown.

"Samsung 2020 range of online TVs come loaded with powerful new features that will not only enhance viewing experience but will also treat consumers to a new standard of indulgence. The new TVs are equipped to surpass the changing content consumption needs of our consumers, in sync with their lifestyle demands," said Piyush Kunnapallil, director – online business, Consumer Electronics, Samsung India.

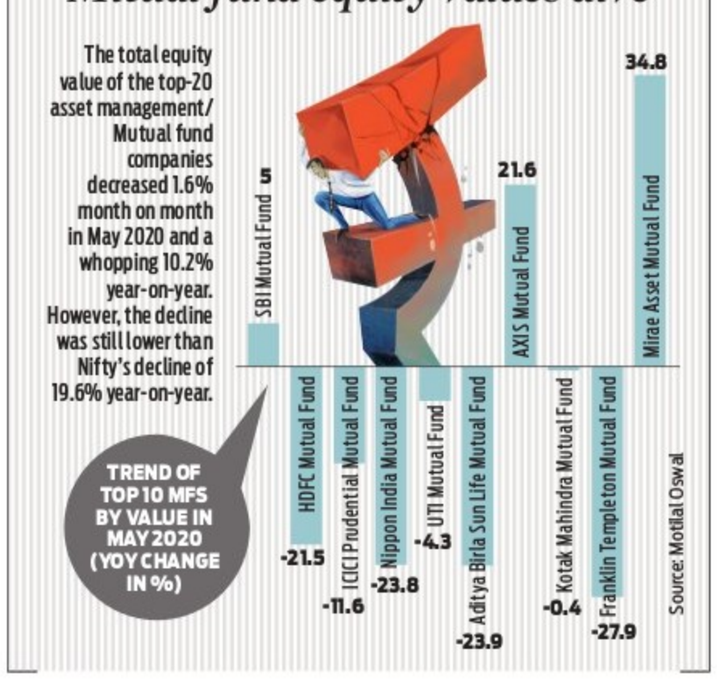
The Samsung Frame TV 2020's price in India starts from ₹74,990 for the 50-inch model. The 55-inch and 65-inch Frame TV models cost ₹84,990 and ₹1,39,990, respectively. That apart, Samsung has also expanded its smart TV range by bringing ten new models into 4K UHD, full-HD, and HD-ready options.

Early bird consumers on Flipkart making prepaid payments during the first 48 hours for The Frame and online Smart TVs will get an additional instant cashback of up to ₹1,500 on their credit/debit cards. Amazon consumers will get an instant cashback up to ₹1,000 on prepaid transactions through SBI credit cards. Consumers can also avail no-cost EMI options, with EMI starting ₹3,125 for 24 months for The Frame 2020, and ₹805 for 18 months for the Smart TV range.

Offline retailers, however, allege that Samsung is not maintaining price parity and has been selling products cheaper through online channels for its mobiles, and now TVs.

Mitual fund equity values dive

The total equity value of the top-20 asset management/ Mutual fund companies decreased 1.6% month on month in May 2020 and a whopping 10.2% year-on-year. However, the decline was still lower than Nifty's decline of 19.6% year-on-year.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TREND OF TOP 10 MFS BY VALUE IN MAY 2020 (YOY CHANGE IN %)
Source: Motilal Oswal

China's GWM signs MoU with Maharashtra govt

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LEADING Chinese SUV-maker Great Wall Motors (GWM) on Tuesday announced the signing of an MoU with the Maharashtra government under which it will set up an automotive manufacturing facility in Talegaon, Maharashtra.

The Chinese company has committed a phased investment of $1 billion that is expected to generate employment for over 3,000 people, according to Parker Shi, Managing Director of the Indian unit of GWM.

In January this year, GWM had signed an agreement to acquire the Talegaon plant owned by US-based General Motors, which has effectively ceased operations in India. GWM then participated at the India Auto Expo in February and showcased its full range of SUVs including Haval H9, F7, F7x, F5. The first Haval SUV is expected to be launched in India next year.

The MoU was signed virtually between Shi, James Yang, President of GWM's India unit, Sun Weidong, Chinese Ambassador to India and Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and Subhash Desai, the state's industries minister. GWM is the second passenger vehicle company from China to enter the Indian market after SAIC-owned MG Motor last year.

"GWM is fully committed towards the growth story on the Indian automobile industry," the company said in a statement.

INTERVIEW

We will emerge from the crisis stronger: DICV chief

THE impact of Covid-19 on the automotive industry may be worrisome, but Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) is confident that it will overcome the crisis, according to the company's MD & CEO **Satyakam Arya**. In an interview with **Binita Jaiswal**, Arya says that DICV's innovative product line will help it strengthen its position in the domestic market in 2020. Excerpts:

How do you see the automobile markets behaving going forward?
The market was already very weak due to factors like new axle norms, GST, a liquidity crunch and BS-IV inventory corrections. The pandemic just worsened the situation. Commercial vehicles sales will definitely remain subdued. But if the government introduces measures like a scrappage policy and the economic stimulus package is implemented properly, the recovery could be faster.

How do you plan on dealing with this current crisis?
We are excited about the market. Sectors like construction, real estate, mining, e-commerce, highway activities will see a growth, induced by the stimulus package. Trucks and tippers used by these different sectors will definitely witness a boost in demand. Besides, a bounty harvest will generate better payload from rural areas too. Our strong portfolio of construction vehicles and trucks used in e-commerce logistics could help us achieve a quicker revival in demand. We are looking to strengthen our position in the domestic market in 2020 as BS-VI technology is nothing new to us. We have 8-9 years of experience here which gives us an edge. We also export auto parts to many countries and we will continue to focus on that.

Despite the slump in demand, you have decided to invest ₹2,277 crore into your TN plant...
We came to India with a long term plan. We are going ahead with our investment plans and leveraging important segments since it will help us emerge as a strong player once this crisis is over. Instead of focusing on capacity expansion, the fund will be utilised in introduction of new technologies, expansion of product portfolio, digitalisation and network expansion.

How does your product pipeline look like?
We are bringing a paradigm-shift in BS-VI inventory. We have just rolled out our first phase and are already far ahead of the competition... We have three more phases to go in the next one and half years where we will add predictive and proactive maintenance features. At least 49 variants of BS-VI buses and trucks are ready.

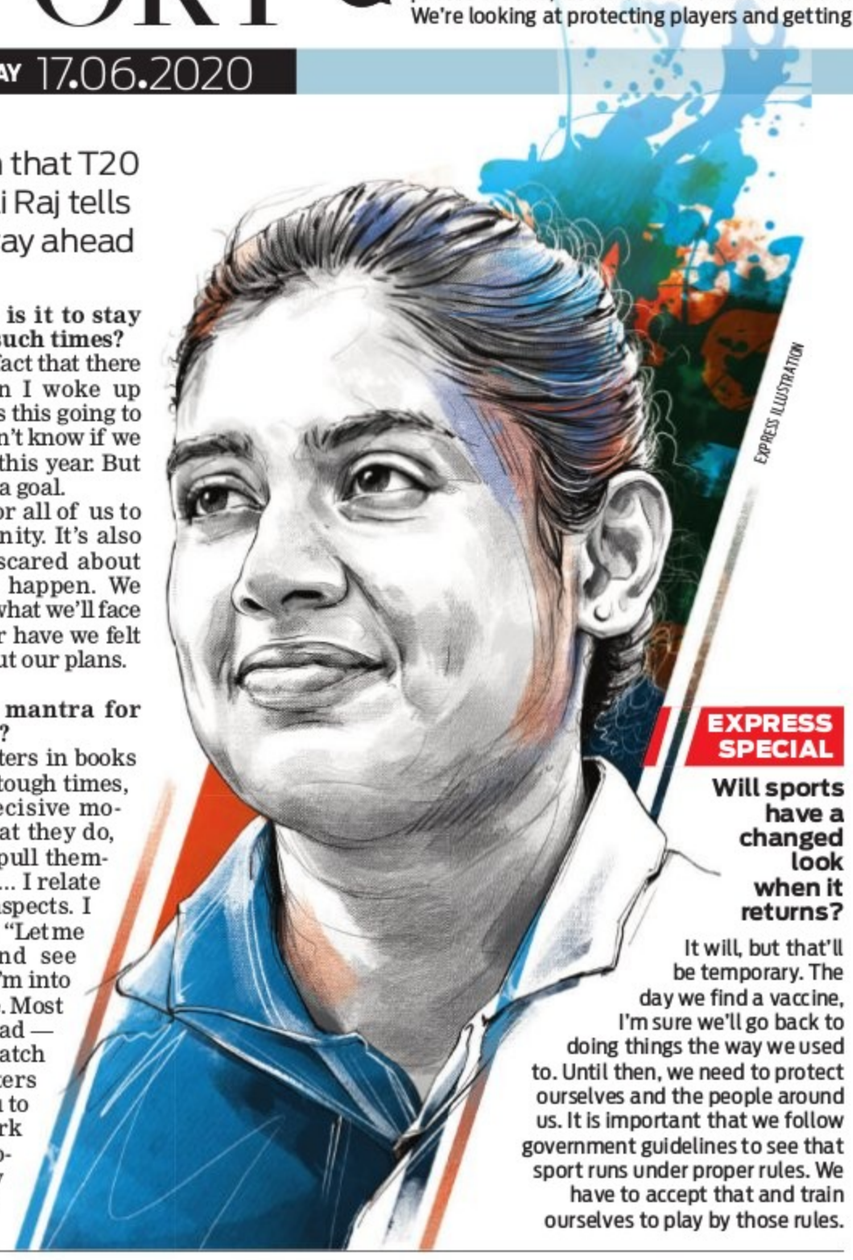
Digitalisation has become the buzz word now...
We have already started adopting digital online services with our BharatBenz Proserv app. It offers our customers all the required services across a product's lifecycle... such as advance booking, parts ordering, etc.

MITHALI'S TAKE ON THE SALIVA BAN

It's an intrinsic part of the sport, so it'll take some time. Even when the ball is passed around, it's natural for a fielder to shine it. I completely agree with ICC. We're looking at protecting players and getting cricket going.

TELE WISE

With the pandemic stalling the push that T20 WC gave to women's cricket, Mithali Raj tells **Srinidhi PR** why broadcast is the way ahead



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Confined to her apartment in Secunderabad for more than two months, India women's ODI captain Mithali Raj admits that she has never felt more unsure about the future than today.

The creature of habit struggled to cope during the initial days of the lockdown. Her routine, meal plans and sleep were disrupted. But the 37-year-old, who retired from T20Is last year, channelled her inner optimist to keep her hunger to play in the 50-over World Cup (in eight months' time) alive.

The veteran opened up to this daily about her motivation mantra, broadcast of women's cricket, and the road to her last World Cup. Excerpts:

Q&A

■ What's your routine like these days?
Since last week, I've started going to the ground in the morning. It really helps with rhythm. We're not used to being confined for this long. Even in off-season, we're on the ground training. It was initially challenging because I live in an apartment, which entails space constraint. I was in touch with my trainer and physiotherapist. I wasn't getting proper sleep, which affected me. Then my physiotherapist gave me a few techniques to remedy that. My trainer helped me use household stuff — chairs, water-filled buckets, two-litre water bottles — for weight training. He also shared breathing techniques.

■ Would you say there's also an advantage of being in such a situation?
We're always pressed for time. During on-season, we don't get much time to practise a particular shot. I was able to work on particular muscles. Also, I spent time with my parents.

■ How difficult is it to stay mentally fit in such times?
I won't deny the fact that there were days when I woke up thinking, "How is this going to work out?" We don't know if we have any games this year. But you need to have a goal.

It is difficult for all of us to maintain our sanity. It's also natural to feel scared about what's going to happen. We don't even know what we'll face next week. Never have we felt so uncertain about our plans.

■ What's your mantra for times like these?
Reading. Characters in books too go through tough times, or face indecisive moments. What they do, how they pull themselves out... I relate to those aspects. I tell myself, "Let me try that and see where I get". I'm into the fantasy genre. Most of the books I read — or the series I watch — have characters that motivate you to get through dark times. I have a notice board in my bedroom. If something catches my eye, I pen it down on that. I make sure that I go through that four, five times every day. If you imbibe a habit that motivates you, it goes a long way.

■ Has the momentum generated by T20 World Cup for women's cricket stalled?
It is not just women's cricket, but all sports. The more people come to watch sport, more it grows. Having fans around when playing is a different experience. Women's cricket has come a long way from the '90s. It has huge television viewership.

■ When do you see all women's matches being televised?
I don't know. Home boards take that initiative for bilaterals. *Star Sports* covers our home series. *Sky Sports* does that for England and Australia. These are the teams that have done well. When we went to New Zealand last year, all matches were televised. Such things boost audience for women's cricket.

You can make a few changes, like televising every women's series. Maybe 70 per cent of them are televised in England, Australia and India. But not the matches we play in South Africa, West Indies or Sri Lanka. That's something we need to look into. I'd rather have every series televised, irrespective of venue. If two channels televise women's matches across the globe, that itself is good enough.

■ When do you see Women's IPL happening?
Not this year, for sure. Maybe in two years. BCCI's trying to have a Challenger Trophy-like event with three, four teams to get this going. Franchises need to show interest in women's teams. IPL's more about franchises. Even if we have fewer sides, we can make it competitive.

■ After Baroda coach Atul Bedade's axing for sexual harassment and public shaming, do you think women have a safe system for reporting such incidents?
We now speak about women empowerment. There are many institutions that are open to understanding the goals of women, especially in sports. Players do speak up in such situations. State units take a lot of interest in seeing that players are comfortable in their environs. Good rapport reflects on the ground. One incident shouldn't be used to generalise. Indian Railways (her side) has had a male coach and manager for years. We've never faced anything like this. What happened was unfortunate.

■ With the next World Cup being your last World Cup, where do you see yourself after next March?
I don't even know now where I see myself next month (laughs). Right now, I'm preparing only for World Cup. It won't be my last international outing. Let's see what avenues open up after.

For full interview, log on to ***newindianexpress.com***

EXPRESS SPECIAL

Will sports have a changed look when it returns?

It will, but that'll be temporary. The day we find a vaccine, I'm sure we'll go back to doing things the way we used to. Until then, we need to protect ourselves and the people around us. It is important that we follow government guidelines to see that sport runs under proper rules. We have to accept that and train ourselves to play by those rules.

Premier battle returns

The Premier League returns on Wednesday after three months, with Liverpool on the brink of winning the title. Here's a look at Wednesday's ties and guidelines in place amid the coronavirus crisis...

Premier League

VILLA VS SHEFFIELD

On a run of four straight losses, Villa was the worst team before the shutdown and is headed for relegation. They'll be up against a side that has punched above weight to be in the running for Champions League.

MAN CITY VS ARSENAL

Arsenal will be determined to make a strong return against Pep Guardiola's men, who have failed to hit to their usual standards this term. The match could see plenty of goals, with the league's second and third-highest scorers Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (17) and Sergio Aguero (16) in action.

TOP 10

Club	M	W	D	L	GD	P
Liverpool	29	27	1	1	45	82
Man City	28	18	3	7	37	57
Leicester	29	16	5	8	30	53
Chelsea	29	14	6	9	12	48
United	29	12	9	8	14	45
Wolves	29	10	13	6	7	43
Sheffield	28	11	10	7	5	43
Spurs	29	11	8	10	7	41
Arsenal	28	9	13	6	4	40
Burnley	29	11	6	12	-6	39

SAFETY PROTOCOLS...

STADIUM RULES: 300 PEOPLE & THREE ZONES

About 300 people will be allowed into the stadium for each of the remaining 92 matches.

PRE-MATCH: DAILY SCREENING COMPULSORY

Players and staff are required to undergo daily screening. Before leaving for a match, they must complete relevant checks for Covid-19 and report any symptoms.

NO TRADITIONAL HANDSHAKES AND SPITTING

Traditional handshakes will not happen. Players have been told to maintain distance during celebrations. No spitting or nose-clearing is allowed. Players will use own water bottles.

Fixtures : Aston Villa vs Sheffield (10:30pm), Man City vs Arsenal (12:45am).

Rashford campaign helps 1.3mn kids get free meal

LONDON: The British government on Tuesday bowed to demands by Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford to change its policy on free school meals for the poorest children, amid growing concerns about the impact of the coronavirus lockdown on low-income families. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government had initially resisted making the change, which would see 1.3 million children in England receive vouchers for an extra six weeks.

EXPRESS READ

T20 World Cup unrealistic: CA

MELBOURNE: Cricket Australia chairman Earl Eddings on Tuesday conceded that this year's T20 World Cup amid the COVID-19 pandemic seems "unrealistic". It is scheduled to be held in October and November. "I would say it is unlikely... trying to get (teams from) 16 countries into Australia when most countries are still going through COVID spiking is unrealistic or very, very difficult," Eddings said during a video conference. **PTI**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Providing Aluminum louvers with MS Frame for covering AC Chiller Plants at Vidan soudha (VDSA), Sir M.Visveshwaraya (VSWA), Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (BRCS), Chickapete (CKPE) and Krishna Rajendra Market (KRMT) Underground Metro Station".** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 42.89 lakhs.** Tender Security Amount: **Rs. 85,800/-.** Sale period of tender documents through online: **18.06.2020 to 13.07.2020 (Till Midnight).** Date & time for submission of tender: **18.07.2020 (from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of tender: **18.07.2020 (at 15.30 hrs).** Cost of tender document: **Rs. 3,540/-.** Completion period: **12 Months.** Tender can be downloaded from BMRCL website. For more information visit **http://tender.bmrc.co.in**

Sd/- Executive Director (O&M)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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No.:936/EE/TLSS/HVR/TA/F-14/Enq/2020-21/1206-1211 Date:16-06-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and Sub-Stations Division, Haveri:

1) Supply of Spare for 250W HPSV Lamps for maintenance of yard lighting at various Substations at Nodal Centre Haveri in TL&SS Division, Haveri.

2) Supply of Hardware Materials required for Stations Maintenance work of Nodal Centre Ranebennur in TL&SS Division, Haveri.

3) Supply of Male (Moving) Contacts & Female (Fixed) contacts with Bolt & Nuts for 11KV, 33KV GOS's at 110KV S/s Haveri & 220KV R/s Ranebennur in TL & SS Division, Haveri.

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **17-06-2020 at 10:00 Hrs.** onwards. **Due date: 30-06-2020 at 04:00 p.m.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Ele),
TL&SS Division, KPTCL, P. B. Road, Haveri.
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.01-DCE-CN-IV-MDU-2020-OT

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Name of Work: Engagement of consultancy services for Reconstruction of Hospital billing at Madurai.

Approximate Cash Value in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Period of Completion in Months	Closing Date & Hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
22,52,500/-	45,100/-	3,360/-	THREE MONTHS	07.07.2020 @ 11.00 Hrs

Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, Madurai-16

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E-Tender Notice for the supply of stores No.27/2020 dated 15.06.2020

Southern Railway has implemented an e-system. All advertised tenders will be dealt through e-procurement system only. No manual offer / postal offer will be entertained. These tenders can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in-->SR-->COS.**

Sl. No.	E-Tender No.	Description	Tender closing date & time
1.	82/20/5301/EOT	10 Pair telecom cable	22.07.2020 @ 14.30 Hrs
2.	82/20/5048/EOT	2 C x 25 sq.mm	23.07.2020 @ 14.30 Hrs

Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tenders.
Important Notice to Vendors: e-procurement is in the link. **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Materials Manager
Construction / Chennai - 600 008

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E - TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Distribution Central - Ernakulam

1. Tender ID: 2020_KSEB_355258_1* Supply of outdoor 11kV ,630A extensible safe plus, RMU of various configurations, SCADA compatible with metering as per specification for PMU works- 69 Nos. * PAC: Rs. 3,98,05,476/-* Last Date : 13-07-2020.

2. Tender ID: 2020_KSEB_354283_1* Supply of outdoor 11kV, 630A extensible safe plus, RMU of various configurations, SCADA compatible with metering and integrated FRTU as per specification for PMU /Deposit works- 61 Nos. * PAC :Rs. 5,33,02,637/-* Last Date : 06-07-2020

Office of the Chief Engineer, Transmission North – Kozhikode

Tender ID: 2020_KSEB_362483_1 *Supply of Transformer oil required for various Transmission Circles under CE, Trans. North *PAC : Rs.1,40,00,000/- * Last Date: 27-06-2020 3 PM

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.kseb.in Ref. PR/MC1/E 206/E-Tender/2020

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2) Tender No.PKG2/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/MAM/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Digital Mammography System (3)
3) Tender No.PKG3/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/USG/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Ultrasound Machine (5), Ultrasonogram Colour Doppler with 3 probes (18) & Portable Ultrasound Machine (6)
4) Tender No.PKG4/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/END/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Upper GI Endoscope Entire Set (13), Video Duodenoscope with ERCP accessories entire set (10), Video Colonoscope Entire Set (12), Endoscopic table (20), Endoscopic Washer disinfector (13), Video Bronchoscope (Flexible) (2) & Ultraslim Video Gastroscope (6)
5) Tender No.PKG5/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/RIG/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - FESS Complete Set with Microdebrider (11) &Laparascope (High Definition) (8)
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1)Hassan Co-operative Milk Producers' Societies Union Limited (HCMPSUL) invites Tenders from Insurance companies through e-procurement for providing Transit insurance as below :

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Date of opening of Tech. Tender: 06.07.2020, 04.00 PM

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Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mobile payments in India initiated by payment apps comprising account-to-account transfers and payments made from stored-value accounts rose 163 per cent to $287 billion in 2019, said a report on Tuesday.

FIRST LIFE-SAVING DRUG FOR COVID-19 FOUND

Low cost steroid reduces death by one-third in patients on ventilator and one-fifth in those receiving only supplemental oxygen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI: Researchers in the UK said they had evidence for the first time that a drug can boost survival chances of a Covid-19 patient.

Low cost drug dexamethasone, which is widely available, reduces deaths by one-third in Covid-19 patients on ventilator supporters and by one-fifth in patients receiving only supplemental oxygen, according to a team of experts led by Oxford University.

A total of 2104 patients were randomised to receive 6 mg of dexamethasone once a day for ten days. Their outcomes were compared with 4321 patients randomised to usual care alone. Based on these results, researchers estimated that the drug would prevent one death for every eight patients treated while on ventilators and one for every 25 patients on extra oxygen alone.

Peter Horby, Professor of Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, and one of the Chief Investigators for the trial, said: "Dexamethasone is the first drug to be shown to improve survival in COVID-19. This is an extremely welcome result. The survival benefit is clear and large in those patients who are sick enough to require oxygen treatment, so dexamethasone should now become standard of care in these patients. Dexamethasone is inexpensive, on the shelf, and can be used immediately to save lives worldwide."

A number of drugs have been trialled as a treatment against the coronavirus, with mixed results. Trials of hydroxychloroquine were halted in several countries after a major study in The Lancet suggested it showed no benefit among patients and even increased the risk of death. That study has since been retracted.

Remdesivir is an anti-viral that appears to reduce the length of treatment in some patients and is already being used on patients, but one study in April showed it had "no clinical benefit".

Britain's Health Secretary Matt Hancock said patients would start to receive the drug immediately. "Since the appearance of Covid-19 six months ago, the search has been on for treatments that can improve survival, particularly in the sickest patients. These preliminary results from the RECOVERY trial are very clear – dexamethasone reduces the risk of death among patients with severe respiratory complications," said Martin Landray, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford, one of the Chief Investigators.

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FACT OF THE MATTER

Video game to treat ADHD

KIDS' CORNER

The US Food and Drug Administration has for the first time approved a video game for treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children. The FDA said on Monday the game built by Boston-based Akili Interactive Labs can improve attention function. The game, called EndeavorRx, requires a prescription and is designed for children between eight and 12 with certain symptoms of ADHD. It's the first time the FDA has cleared a digital therapy for improving ADHD symptoms, and the first time the agency has authorised marketing of a game-based therapy for any condition. "We are proud to make history today with FDA's decision," Akili CEO Eddie Martucci said.

5G masts destroyed

FEAR OF VIRUS

Multiple telecoms masts were destroyed Monday by Bolivian villagers who feared that 5G technology could transmit coronavirus, media reports said. The South American country does not yet have 5G wireless infrastructure, which has been linked to the pandemic in viral posts on social media. According to the conspiracy theory, electromagnetic radiation causes the symptoms of Covid-19, not a virus — an idea debunked by scientists. Four communications towers were destroyed in Yapacani, near the city of Santa Cruz, local police chief Franklin Villazon was cited as saying by the newspaper *El Deber*. "We were overwhelmed," said Villazon.

Corona antibodies remain in blood for 2 months

LONGER THAN EXPECTED

WASHINGTON: Immune response to the novel coronavirus remains stable in the blood of the majority of infected individuals almost two months after diagnosis, and possibly longer, according to an antibody testing study that may help contain the spread of Covid-19.

Scientists from St George's University of London in the UK said antibodies were not detectable in everyone exposed to the virus, opening discussions on how best to interpret antibody and viral tests.

The yet to be peer-reviewed study, published in the preprint repository medRxiv, sheds light on the duration for which people remain immune after contracting Covid-19, and provides insight into how different age and ethnic groups respond to infection.

In the research, the scientists analysed the antibody test results from 177 individuals diagnosed with Covid-19, and measured the levels of antibodies against the novel coronavirus they had. According to the scientists, in patients with an antibody response, the levels of the immune molecules remained stable for the duration of the study (almost two months).

Based on the study, the researchers said patients with the most severe infections who have the largest inflammatory response were more likely to develop antibodies. They hypothesised that this may be due to antibody responses working in parallel with an inflammatory response to severe disease.

The scientists said a higher viral load may also lead to greater stimulation of the inflammatory and antibody development pathways. However, researchers cautioned that more work is required to understand if and why this may be the case.

Between two and 8.5 per cent of patients did not develop Covid-19 antibodies at all, they added. According to the scientists, this may be because the body's defence response in these patients could be through other mechanisms like the immune system's T-cells.

Virus death rate linked to chronic illness

NEW STUDY

LONDON: Death rates are 12 times higher for coronavirus patients with chronic illnesses than for others who become infected, a new US government report says. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report released Monday highlights the dangers posed by heart disease, diabetes and lung ailments. These are the top three problems found in Covid-19 patients.

The report is based on 1.3 million laboratory-confirmed coronavirus cases reported to the agency from January 22 through the end of May. Information on health conditions was available for just 22 per cent of the patients. It shows that 32 per cent had heart-related disease, 30 per cent had diabetes and 18 per cent had chronic lung disease, which includes asthma and emphysema. Among patients with a chronic illness, about 20 per cent died compared with almost two per cent of those who were otherwise healthy.

One in five people across the world prone for severe Covid-19: study

WORRYING

LONDON: As many as one in five people globally have underlying medical conditions that put them at an increased risk of severe Covid-19, according to a study which may help develop strategies to shield the most vulnerable individuals.

The study, published in *The Lancet Global Health*, noted that 1.7 billion people across the world, comprising 22 per cent of the global population, have at least one underlying condition that puts them at increased risk of severe Covid-19 if infected. These people range from less than five per cent of those younger than 20 years to greater than 66 per cent among those aged 70 years or older, the study noted.

Researchers, including those from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in the UK, said 349 million people (about four per cent of the global population) are at high risk of severe Covid-19, and would require hospital admission if infected. They said as much as six per cent of males could be at high risk compared with three per cent of females.

According to the researchers, the share of the population at increased risk was highest in countries with older populations, African countries with high HIV/AIDS prevalence, and small island nations with high diabetes prevalence.

Estimates of the number of individuals at increased risk were most sensitive to the prevalence of chronic kidney disease, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and chronic respiratory disease, the scientists said.

In the study, the scientists calculated the number of individuals at increased risk of severe disease — defined as those with at least one condition listed as "at increased risk of severe Covid-19" in the current guidelines.

They estimated the risk based on age (five-year age groups), sex, and country for 188 countries using prevalence data from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) 2017 and UN population estimates for the year 2020.

The scientists determined the list of underlying conditions relevant to Covid-19 by mapping the conditions listed in GBD 2017 to those listed in guidelines published by WHO and public health agencies in the UK and the USA.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd, Below Mentioned Branch's** for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Rajajinagar Branch, Bangalore

1) Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) Smt Renuka R W/o Puttaraju M, # 1, 2nd `A' Main Road, 3rd Cross, Near Sampangiramanagar, Bangalore-560027, **2) Sri Puttaraju M** S/o Miniswumappa Residing At # 1, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Sampangiramanagar Bangalore -27, **Personal Guarantee : Sir. Kaladas Raj M** S/O Mohan Raj Naidu Residing At # 72, Charles Cambal Road, Coxtown, Bangalore East -95.

Demand Notice : 18.12.2019 **Possession Notice: 15.06.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs.2,84,73,854/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Four Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four only) as on **17.12.2019** plus interest from **18.12.2019** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the Immovable Property: (Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) **PROPERTY-1** : All the piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha New No.1,(old number 80), and its PID No.77-8-1,situated at 3rd Cross, S R Nagar, Bangalore, Ward No.77 Samapangiramanagara. Measuring East To West 27.06 Feet, North To South 45.06 Feet, Total Measuring 1219.32 Sq.ft Along With Building There On, Bounded On East By : Road, West by : Property bearing municipal No.81, North By : Road, South By : Property bearing municipal No.68.

PROPERTY-2: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha new No.70 and its PID No.77-12-70, situated at 7th Cross, S R Nagar, SRI B T Muniyappa Road, Bangalore, Ward No.77 Samapangiramanagara. Measuring East to West 70 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, Total Measuring 4200 Sq.ft Along With Shed There On, Bounded On. East By : Government Road, West by : Brahmaih's House, North By: Sundareshan & Nateshan's House, South By: Cross Road.

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Demand Notice : 21.12.2019 **Possession Notice: 15.06.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs. 19,50,647-00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred & Forty Seven Only) as on **DT.19-12-2019,** plus interest from **20.12.2019** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

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Date : 15.06.2020
Place : Bangalore

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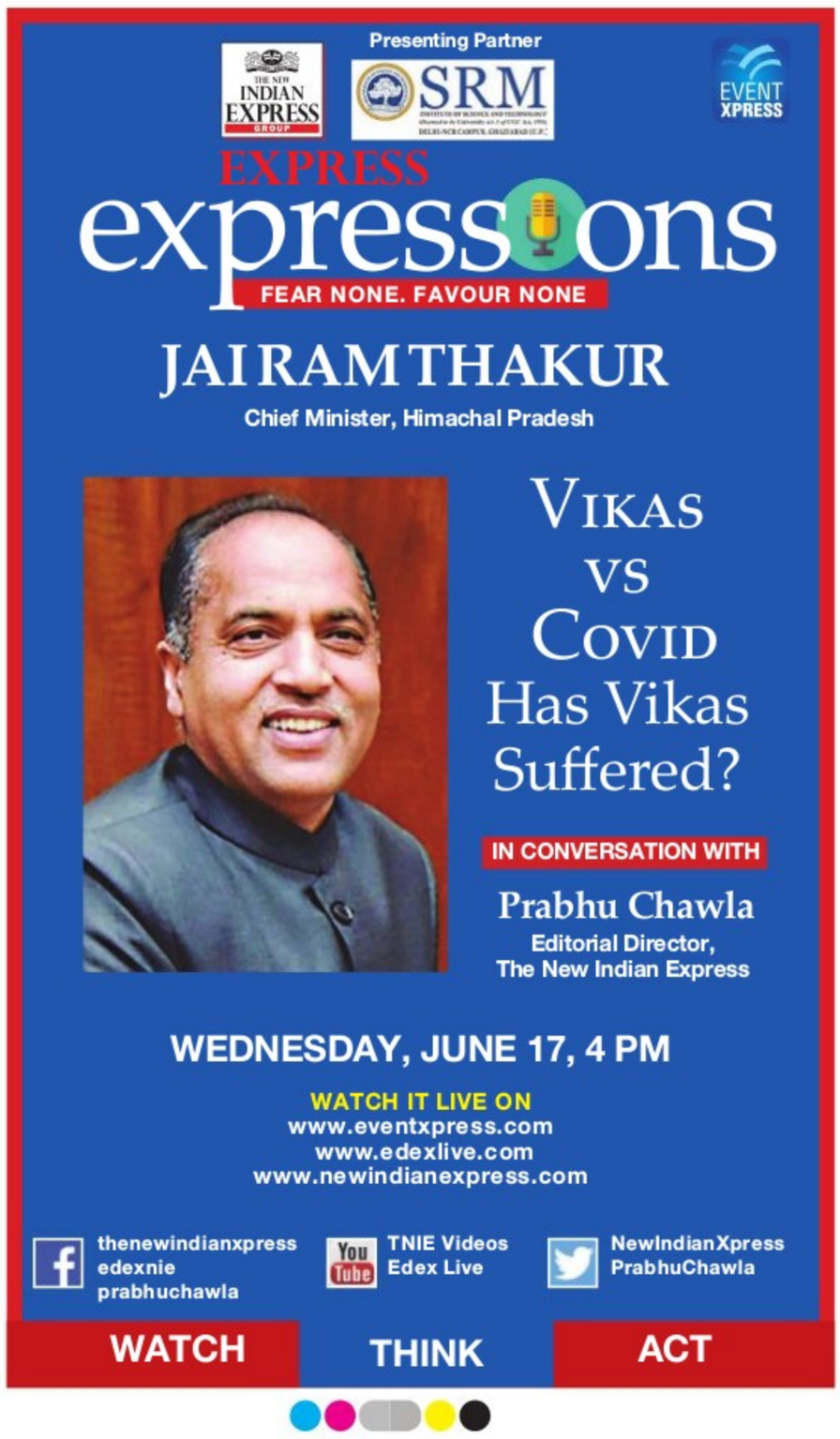

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DAY'S DIARY

Death anniversary

Mumtaz Mahal, wife of Shah Jahan, Mughal emperor of India, died on this day in 1631. Her memory inspired the construction of the Taj Mahal, where she is entombed

BORN INTO NOBILITY

She was born as Arjumand Banu Begum in a royal family in Agra. She was the niece of Empress Nur Jehan, who was married to Emperor Jahangir

TAJ MAHAL

The Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan to immortalise his wife. The chief architect was Ustad Ahmad Lahawri, an Indian of Persian descent

TOMBS

Right next to her tomb in Taj Mahal is Shah Jahan's tomb. The tombs in the building are empty. The bodies of the two are buried in a crypt below the building

Family Pack comes with the first motion poster

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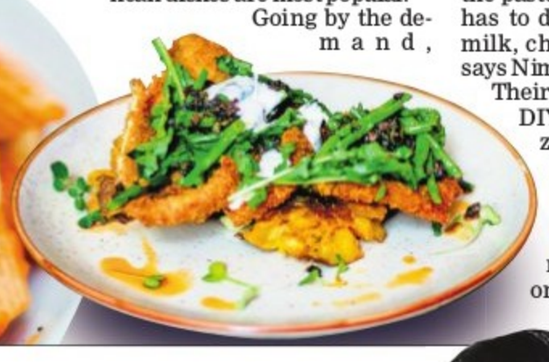
BISTRO IN A BOX

As dining out is yet to pick up pace in the city, restaurants are putting together DIY food kits comprising ingredients to prepare their signature dishes

The quantity of ingredients is in the exact ratio of what one would need to prepare that recipe, with the help of the instruction card

— Utkarsh Bhalla, executive chef, Sly Granny



Monika Monalisa

The temptation of eating out versus the fear of catching COVID-19. As Bengalureans are still trying to figure what to do, restaurateurs have come up with Do It Yourself (DIY) food kits, which allow people to prepare gourmet food in the comfort of their kitchens. Comprising the exact proportion of ingredients, the kits come with cooking directions to make restaurant style food at home.

Crowd favourites, pizzas and pastas, are what European restaurant Little Italy is giving this a try. "We also have mexican kits and a burrito bowl kit to serve as the perfect tex mex platter for drinks night with your friends. We have also introduced DIY Indian kits which give you a street food experience at home," says Amrut Mehta, managing director for the Little Italy group. While the pastas comes with two sauce–arrabiata and mixed sauce–along with the spices and the pasta of a person's choice, the pizzas comprise three eight-inch bases, 250 gm of mozzarella, and olives (black and green). Since it's a DIY dish, it's upto the person to add vegetables of their choice. But there's also the option to order in the vegetables along with the kit which comes with an additional charge.

Ask any chef the secret behind creating a perfect dish, and the answer is bound to be the right ingredients. Agrees Utkarsh Bhalla, brand executive chef, Sly Granny, who points out that ingredients have been planned in a way to make diners cook gourmet style food at home, all in the matter of 10 minutes. "The amount of ingredients is in the exact ratio of what one would need to prepare that recipe, with the help of the instruction card," says Bhalla, adding that European and Mediterranean dishes are most popular.

Going by the demand, FoodHall, a gourmet food superstore, is coming up with their range of DIY food kits soon. Mezze platter, Taco, Laksha, Fondu are some of the dishes that are in the making. Swasti Aggarwal, culinary strategist, says "Our Home Chef recipe kits span various cuisines because we wanted to help people cook the food they were missing, in the comfort of their kitchen. Since many of us are not too familiar with complex techniques, or have fancy equipment, our kits simplify the process and allow anyone with even the most basic tools to put together a delightful meal."

While India may be catching up with this DIY trend now, owing to the outbreak of the pandemic, according to Mohit Mittal, co-founder of ChefKraft, a cloud kitchen, he experimented with this idea five years ago. "I was inspired by a popular meal kit brand in the USA. But at that time it didn't work out. But today, it's a different story," says Mittal, adding that pizzas and Thai green curry are the most preferred options. "Our Thai Green Curry comes with the paste, which means all one has to do is add the coconut milk, chicken or vegetables," says Nimita Mittal, co-founder. Their salads come in a semi DIY style where the drizzles and sauces are sent separately. Apart from that they also have Thai Basil Chicken noodles, pastas, and margherita pizza etc on the menu.

Sarena Beri and Rohan Jacob are coming up with flow arts festival online

Going with the flow

Express Features

This weekend, get ready to get moving. Two Bengalureans, **Sarena Beri** and Rohan Jacob, are organising a flow arts festival, wherein participants can learn various art forms like poi, capoeira, prop dance, juggling and more. In its second edition, the two-day festival will have eight live classes on Zoom, taking place for an hour each. For Jacob, promoting the nascent field of flow arts in India is one of the sole purposes of this event.

Explaining how flow arts often involves manipulation of various objects – such as sticks, staffs, balls, hula hoops, rope darts, etc – Jacob, whose stage name is Yacobeh, points out that one thing remains common in the different variants of flow art – movement. "There's fluid and graceful body movement in all of them," says the former techie, whose journey with the art form began in 2014. "It's a holistic art form since it helps both your mind and body. The repetitive practice of a move, combined with determination and focus really help put you in the zone," he explains.

Flow arts is a holistic art form since it helps both your mind and body. There's fluid and graceful body movement

—Rohan Jacob, artist

Currently, Jacob runs IndieFlow with his partner Beri, through which the two flow artistes and fire performers organised the first edition of the festival last year. While an offline medium works best for this movement intense classes, Jacob is, quite literally, going with the flow by adapting to current times. "We had to keep the ball rolling by going online. As long as someone has good internet connection and a camera, they will be fine," he says, adding that the classes are aimed at beginners.

The classes will be taken by eight instructors, most of whom are from Bengaluru, while one is from Chennai. According to Jacob, during meetups organised in the city, about 15-20 people interested in flow arts often show up. In Mumbai or Delhi, the number stands at just 3-5. "Bengaluru seems to be the hub of flow arts," he says, adding that so far, the event has seen enquiries from Himachal Pradesh as well.

Matter of pride: 21 days, lifelong support

Express Features

Some studies claim it takes all of 21 days to form a new habit. A city-based venture decided to use this nugget of information to help people become better allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride Circle, a diversity and inclusion consultancy, recently launched the #21DaysAllyChallenge for Pride Month, which celebrates the community. The idea is simple: Participants are given 21 "micro tasks" that could take them anywhere between five minutes to 50 minutes.

"The tasks are small enough that people can pace them over 21 days or attempt a couple of them together," says Srini Ramaswamy, co-founder of Pride Circle. Having started on June 1, the initiative has so far called for tasks like read a coming out story of an LGBTQ+ individual, introspect why you want to be an ally, learn about LGBTQ+ laws in your country, watch a queer film, follow community individuals on social media and so on. Currently, the initiative, which was launched on a global scale, has over 5,000 participants, including individuals, companies like NASA, Infosys, IBM, Intel, etc, and schools and educational institutes like Indian Institute of Management (Ranchi) and Tagore International School (Vasant Vihar). Participants from countries like Sweden, the Netherlands, Serbia, USA, UK, Thailand, South Africa, Singapore, Japan, China and Australia are also taking part.

Since one of the objectives is to take conscious steps to recognise and neutralise biases and stereotypes about LGBTQ+ community, each task also goes up with a list of resources for people to check out. "Each completed task can fetch you points and then there are bonus tasks and referrals for extra points," says Ramaswamy, adding that new tasks are added every week day, at 12 pm IST. A separate leaderboard for individuals and companies has also been created. Registrations are still open for the challenge, which concludes on July 1, with winners being announced on July 15. "Our top 10 individual winners will get gift vouchers from our reward partners," says Ramaswamy, adding that companies will get a certificate of appreciation and a badge.

The tasks are small enough that people can pace them over 21 days or attempt a couple of them together

—Srini Ramaswamy, co-founder, Pride Circle

The ability to disappear is a great trait for an actor: Shoojit Sircar

Express Features

Fresh off the release of *Gulabo Sitabo*, director **Shoojit Sircar** noted that his films are a reflection of who he is. The film, starring Amitabh Bachchan and Ayushmann Khurrana, has come out to mixed responses. "Some people have loved the film, while the others were disappointed with the pace," acknowledged Sircar, in a chat with senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai, as part of Indulge Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group. He further mentioned that he has slowed as a person, which, he said, showed in his previous film, *October*, as well. "I enjoy this pace. There is no need to agree with all of my films, but you can't ignore the art. If I don't come through in my films, I would be cheating my audience," he said.

Sircar's creations have been vastly different from each other, but the director shared that they have all served to be life lessons. "You make films that somewhere steers you deep down, or shakes you. I don't make films for commercial reasons." And with *Gulabo Sitabo*, he wanted to satirise the greed that has seeped into us; that we know the price, but not the value. "That was the metaphor that symbolised the film's ethos. Satires are tragedies. And greed doesn't take you anywhere." The director further spoke in length about the open structure of *Gulabo*, where everyone and everything is seen. "The actual place is located in Kesarbagh, and is part of the Mahmudabad Palace. After seeing it, I asked Juhi to make a few changes to suit the structure. When the DOP stepped in, he decided to use a single lens (30 mm prime) to ensure everything gets seen."

Gulabo also sees Sircar reunite with Bachchan (*Piku*) and Khurrana (*Vicky Donor*). "Nobody could recognise Bachchan sir on the sets at first. They all saw Mirza. And I remember him saying he didn't know what he was doing in this film apart from getting 'scolded by everyone'," Sircar said with a laugh. However, he noted that there's a lot of mutual respect. "Bachchan sir is an enthusiastic 20-year-old. He wants to perform; it is what keeps him ticking." With his hunch and mumbling, Bachchan disappeared into being Mirza in the film, like Khurrana, did for Baankey. "The lisp was Ayushmann's idea, and I absolutely loved it. For me, it felt like he jumped out from the sets of *Vicky Donor* and came to *Gulabo Sitabo*. If you look at *Gulabo Sitabo*, Ayushmann disappears into a crowd of characters. It is quite unusual for a star of this generation. This ability to disappear is a great trait for an actor."

Death is a theme that Sircar has often studied in his film, with dignity and respect. "My fascination with death has been there for some time. I believe death shouldn't be mourned but celebrated. Everything is unplanned, but death is certain. This is why I believe in non-dramatizing death and treating it with simplicity." The director mourned the unfortunate deaths of Sushant Singh Rajput, and Irrfan Khan, a close confidante. "I am still unable to get Irrfan out of my head. We have been close for the past two years, we have discussed everything except cinema. It is difficult to believe. I get a glimpse of him every time I close my eyes," he said.

Sircar has completed shooting for his next film, *Sardar Udham Singh* in which he is reportedly taking on a new genre again. "It was a difficult film for me and I don't want to say much, but no one but Vicky Kaushal could have played this role," he said.

WORD OF THE DAY

EXUVIA

- A cast-off shell of an insect, snake, crustacean.
- Hollow skin still holding a shape, with a slit or an opening somewhere – showing an exit.
- Echo of an earlier way of life, left behind.

– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

REAPING BENEFITS

Six hundred coconuts, 800-900 mangoes, 30-40 kg jamun and jackfruit – this is not produced in a farm but at a residential society at Mumbai. The society recently undertook coconut-plucking, providing around five-six coconuts to each flat. An organic garden that was looked after by a few, now has many people taking interest, thanks to the lockdown. Their daily needs of *tulsi*, lemon and curry leaves were met by this community garden. The seniors in the building grow plants whose leaves can be used to treat various illnesses. The residents have planted all the trees with the help of a gardener and have now taken it upon themselves to maintain it and reap its benefits.

Source: The Better India

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

JAGGU DADA

Jaggu Dada is a newly-reformed don who falls in love with Gowri. While she reciprocates the feelings, she soon rejects him upon learning of his gangster past.

- Cast: Darshan, Deeksha Seth, Srujan Lokesh, Rachita Ram

POWER

The movie follows the life of a politician who goes into a coma after being attacked by thugs. When he regains consciousness some years later, he finds that his son has taken after his responsibilities. But things are not the way they used to be.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Trisha

MAANIKYA

Vijay and Manasa's families have been enemies for a very long time, 25 years in particular. However, things get tricky when the two fall in love.

- Cast: Sudeep, V Ravichandran, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Ramya Krishna, Ramya Rao, P Ravi Shankar

MURATTU KAALAI

Although Kaalaiyan and his brothers can afford a luxurious lifestyle, they choose to live modestly. However, Sundaravelu is a devious man who tries to grab their land.

- Cast: Rajnikanth, Rati Agnihotri

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE HIDDEN WOMEN OF STEM BY ALEXIS SCOTT

Did you know some extraordinary women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math feel invisible in their fields? In this TEDxMountainViewCollege Talk, Alexis Scott explores what it means to be a female hidden figure in STEM.

2 HOW TO PRACTICE EMOTIONAL FIRST AID BY GUY WINCH

We sustain emotional injuries just as often as we do physical ones. There are science-based techniques we can use to treat emotional injuries that can help soothe the distress they cause and prevent them from impacting our short and long-term psychological well-being. Guy Winch makes the case for taking care of our emotions with the same diligence we take care of our bodies.

3 LEARNING FROM SMALLPOX BY JULIE GARON AND WALTER A. ORENSTEIN

For most of human history, we have sought to treat and cure diseases. But only in recent decades did it become possible. Julie Garon and Walter A. Orenstein detail how the story of smallpox "the first and only disease to be permanently eliminated" shows how disease eradication can happen, and why it is so difficult to achieve.

4 THE DANGER OF SCIENCE DENIAL BY MICHAEL SPECTER

Vaccine-autism claims, "Frankenfood" bans, the herbal cure craze: All point to the public's growing fear (and, often, outright denial) of science and reason, says Michael Specter. He warns the trend spells disaster for human progress.

5 THE HIDDEN WAYS STAIRS SHAPE OUR LIVES BY DAVID ROCKWELL

Stairs don't just get you from point A to point B. Architect David Rockwell explains how they shape your movement – and your feelings.

FIT BIT

SURYA BHEDA PRANAYAMA

(THE VITALIZING BREATH)

In Sanskrit, 'surya' means 'sun'; 'bhedana' means 'piercing'; and 'prana' means 'life force energy'. Hatha Yoga Pradeepika and Gheranda Samhita say that the right nostril or the Surya Nadi is related to prana whereas the left nostril or Chandra Nadi is associated with the mind. It activates all the bodily functions and helps control our breath, thoughts and emotions. It gives the feeling of peace and contentment.

STEPS

- Sit in any asana, preferably Padmasana, Siddhasana or Vajrasana.
- Keep the trunk and spine straight. Take a few relaxed breaths before starting the practice.
- Now raise the right hand and use ring finger to close the left nostril.
- Breathe in slowly through the right nostril and fill the lungs entirely.
- Close both nostrils – thumb closes right nostril and ring finger closes left nostril – and hold the breath.
- Perform Jalandhara Bandha (the chin lock) and Moola Bandha.
- Hold the breath to the extent which is comfortable. One should hold the breath till sweat beads appear.
- Release both Bandhas and exhale through the left nostril (Ida Nadi), keeping the right nostril closed.
- This is one round. Repeat as many rounds as comfortable. May start with five rounds and later increase it to 10 or beyond.
- Kumbhaka duration should also be increased carefully over a period of time. Advanced practitioners can go up to 80 rounds per sitting.

BENEFITS

- Activates the body and the bodily functions.
- Increases the digestive fire.
- Destroys all diseases that are caused by insufficient oxygen in the blood.
- Hatha Yoga Pradeepika says that it cleans the frontal sinuses, destroys disorders of Vata and destroys intestinal worms.
- One can perform Uddhiyana Bandha by pulling in the abdomen at the end of Kumbhaka or holding breath. This will force the prana to enter the central pranic channel called Sushumna Nadi. This awakens Kundalini Shakti.

LIMITATIONS

- Must do on an empty stomach or 4-5 hours after eating food.
- If you are suffering from high blood pressure, a heart condition or epilepsy avoid it.
- If you have undergone any surgeries recently, consult a yoga expert before practising.
- If you have high temperature, stop practising.

– By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

LOVE MOCKTAIL

The movie is focused on Aadi and his search for love. Through the course of the film, he goes various ups and downs in his quest. But will he succeed in finding his soulmate?

Cast: Darling Krishna, Milana Nagaraj, Amrutha Iyengar

Watch on: Amazon Prime

- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

CHOKED (Hindi)

A bank employee weighed down by her jobless husband's debts – and her own broken dreams – finds a secret source of seemingly unlimited cash in her home.

- Cast: Saiyami Kher, Roshan Mathew, Amruta Subhash
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ATHADU (Telugu)

Nandu, an orphan, is a professional killer. He performs his operations with the help of his buddy. In one such operation, he is noticed by the cops. Subsequently, his life takes a dramatic turn.

- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Trisha Krishnan, Sonu Sood, Prakash Raj
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

SPYDER (Telugu)

Shiva, an intelligence officer, develops a phone software that helps him track those in need of help. He sets out to save the people of Hyderabad when he realises that a serial killer is on the loose.

- Cast: Mahesh Babu, SJ Surya, Rakul Preet Singh, Bharath
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

PATHEMARI (Kannada)

Narayanan, a young man, goes to Dubai to make a living. He faces many struggles working there but braves them for the sake of his family and their happiness.

- Cast: Mammootty, Jewel Mary, Sreenivasan,
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AXONE (Hindi)

In Delhi, friends from Northeast India prepare a pungent delicacy for a wedding party, sparking conflict and comedy with their unaccustomed neighbours.

- Cast: Sayani Gupta, Lin Laishram, Tenzing Dalha
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? (Hindi)

When two unlikely friends play hooky from school, accidental encounters and otherworldly events turn their day into a whimsical coming-of-age journey.

- Cast: Yashaswani Dayama, Karanvir Malhotra Abhay Deol
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

THE BIG SICK (English)

Kumail is a Pakistani comic, who meets an American graduate student named Emily at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he soon becomes worried about what his traditional Muslim parents will think of her. When Emily suddenly comes down with an illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned mother and father.

- Cast: Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter, Anupam Kher
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

IN THE NAME OF (Polish: Wimię...)

Adam, a Roman Catholic priest in rural Poland, knows that he desires men and his embrace of the priesthood has been a flight from his sexuality. When he meets a particular young man, self-imposed abstinence becomes a heavy burden.

- Cast: Tomasz Schuchardt, Mateusz Kościukiewicz, Andrzej Chyra, Maja Ostaszewska
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month

TALES FROM THE LOOP (English)

Inspired by the wondrous paintings of Simon Stålenhag, Tales from the Loop explores the mind-bending adventures of the people who live above the Loop, a machine built to unlock and explore the mysteries of the universe – making things previously relegated to science fiction, possible.

- Cast: Rebecca Hall, Jonathan Pryce, Paul Schneider
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

HEADSHOT (Thai)

A detective spends three months in a coma and sees everything upside down after he is shot in the head. He becomes an assassin and tries to eliminate anyone who lives above the law.

- Cast: Nopachai Jayanama, Cris Horwang, Joey Boy
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month

QUICK FIX

SESAME BALLS

INGREDIENTS

- **Sesame seeds:** 1 cup
- **Jaggery:** 3/4 to 1 cup as per your taste

METHOD

- Dry roast sesame seeds in low flame until it starts spluttering. Turn off the stove once you get a nice aroma.
- Transfer the roasted sesame seeds into a plate/vessel so that it doesn't burn out. Let it cool for some time.
- Add the sesame seeds, jaggery to a mixer jar and blend it in pulse mode in regular intervals until you get a fine texture. If you blend it for a longer duration continuously, oil in the sesame seeds starts coming out which spoils the texture.
- We don't need any extra binding agent as the oil in sesame seeds serves the purpose. Start making balls out of it. With 100 grams of sesame seeds, we can get around 12-13 small-sized balls.
- If stored in a dry place, these sesame balls lasts for more than two weeks.

– by Loghithavani

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CITY READ

New medicinal products launched

Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal has launched two licensed medicinal products, Ayush Kwath Churnam and Suddhi Sanitiser for enhancing natural immunity and personal hygiene. Both medicines were launched in Karnataka by Shri R. Ashoka, Minister of Revenue at his office in Bengaluru. The products are channelled through Arya Vaidya Sala dealerships and other outlets.

Ramaiah Institutes bag high rankings

The Ramaiah group of institutions has bagged a major ranking in NIRF assessment for the year 2020. In the engineering section, Ramaiah Institute of Technology has secured 59th rank in India and 4th Rank in Karnataka. Overall, the institute has bagged the 30th rank in India, The Ramaiah Faculty of Pharmacy also secured 52nd rank in India, 5th Rank in Karnataka. Dr MR Jayaram, Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation, said, "With deep appreciation and understanding we accept the rankings given by NIRF, which recognises our commitment to the quality education in the country. Ramaiah group is striving hard to impart the best education".

Ambulance donated

In memory of the late Sunil Bhansali, friends and family of the former chairman of Girias investment came forward to donate an ambulance to Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital. The ambulance will be utilised in the fight against Covid-19.

ON THE MURKY SIDE

Revolving around the grim state of mental illness, Lithium, a collaborative EP curated by Bengaluru-based musician Arun Natarajan features electronic artiste Riatsu and Denver-based Trumpeter Joshua Trinidad

Muneef Khan

Ask Mumbai-based electronic musician Shadaab Kadri aka Riatsu on what his upcoming collaborative EP – Lithium – with Denver-based trumpeter Joshua Trinidad revolves around and he asserts that the theme revolves around that of mental illness. "When we first spoke, Joshua and I established that we wanted to create an album with dark tones and a grim feel to it. Lithium is the medicine used for the treatment of bipolar disorder," says Kadri. Curated by Bengaluru-based musician Arun Natarajan under his record label – Subcontinental Records and set to release on July 2, the duo released *He Was Right Here*, a song from the six-track EP which Kadri cites as a representation of the sound of the entire album. He adds, "The entire album is a score to one's visual imaginations. It's a soundtrack for a film that does not exist."

Shadaab Kadri aka Riatsu

Carrying dark tones with a grim feel accompanied by a fusion of heavy textured and layered synths with the spacey and smooth sound of Trinidad's trumpet playing, the EP aims to showcase the murky world of mental illness. Trinidad asserted that while he enjoys working with artistes from other parts of the world, he always comes across new learning about the music making process from artistes across the globe.

"In this instance, Riatsu's music making taught me the time and patience he puts into the production of high quality music. He is extremely creative and talented," says Trinidad, adding he explored new areas in trumpet composition and recording with Kadri inspiring an approach to the music that was fresh and innovative. "I found myself on many occasions pushing my personal boundaries with how I recorded the trumpet. I wanted to match the sound to Riatsu's compositions that complimented the overall vibe," says Trinidad

The idea for this project came from Arun Natarajan, who reached out to me in fall of last year. The independent music scene is important not only in India but across the world. Even here in Denver, Colorado, we pride ourselves in independent music and the power of the DIY (Do It Yourself) scene

—**Joshua Trinidad,** trumpeter

For the love of flatbread

Gautham S

Porotta, today, is much more than an emotion for the Malayali community residing in every nook and corner of social media. For Malayalis, #handsoffporotta is a political statement, a symbol of freedom and the voice of dissent. Inarguably the favourite flatbread of every Malayali, the surge in sale of porotta once dine-in services picked up is proof enough of Kerala's unconditional love for it. Coincidentally, Avenir Technology, a digital entertainment company, has come out with a song dedicated to porotta, '*I Miss U Daa - Porotta Song*', which depicts how much Malayalis missed the dish during lockdown.

Zia Ul Haq, Sachin Raj and Sudheesh Kumar came up with the concept, composed and sang the track. "When the trio pitched the concept of a porotta song, I was immediately hooked because who says no to porotta? Eating hot and crispy porotta with chicken or beef roast is almost a tradition here and not being able to indulge in our favourite combination during lockdown did get to a lot of us," says Irshad M Hassan, founder, Avenir Technology.

A still from the music video

The song was shot in Avenir's office premises. "The song has visuals of porotta being made and it being served with piping hot chicken curry. We shot the porotta making scene in a friend's restaurant. The remaining shots were filmed in our office canteen," says Irshad. The lyrics were penned by Ramesh Kavil, Akhil Krishna handled the cinematography and Sanraj Amritham directed the song. The video has been viewed more than 49,000 times in just three days.

Due to lockdown restrictions, the team had to put in a lot of effort to film the song. "We used two cameras and a drone for shooting. Since we have a well-equipped technical team, post-production work was easy. We knew a song about porotta would become an instant hit and the response so far has been terrific," adds Irshad. It's mere coincidence that the song and the decision to impose 18 per cent GST on frozen porottas happened at the same time. "Porotta is not a luxury food item to charge GST like this. Keralites won't agree to this, which is evident on social media," adds Irshad.

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—**Irshad M Hassan,** founder, Avenir Technology

The trio and the company are soon planning to come out with 'Bullet Anthem'. "We are also working on a web series," says Irshad.

NUTRIWISE

For a healthy menopause

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Women usually go through menopause in their 40s and 50s. The fall in estrogen levels during menopause can cause a variety of symptoms that usually last for about four years.

Symptoms may occur years before a woman's final period. Some women may experience symptoms for months or years afterward.

Lifestyle changes may help many women deal with menopause symptoms. Making changes in your diet can also help in relieving symptoms. Here are a few foods that can ease the symptoms:

1. Healthy fats like omega 3 fatty acids may help to relieve the symptoms. Foods high in omega 3 fatty acids are nuts, seeds and fatty fishes. You can also take omega 3 supplement.
2. Keep yourself hydrated. Drink at least two to three litres of water daily.
3. Have an iron-rich diet. Include green leafy vegetables, red *aval*, red meat, poultry, grains etc.
4. Include fibre-rich foods such as whole-grain breads, cereals, pasta, rice, fresh fruits, and vegetables.
5. Adding calcium to the diet might help to relieve menopause symptoms.
6. Vitamin D is as important for maintaining bone health as calcium. Your body also uses it to absorb calcium. Include vitamin D as a supplement.

Foods to avoid

To help reduce menopause symptoms you might have to avoid taking certain foods.

- Caffeine
- Alcohol
- Carbonated beverages
- Sugary drinks
- Deep fried foods
- Foods high in salt

No matter what, talk to your nutritionist or dietitian or doctor to devise a customised nutrition plan.

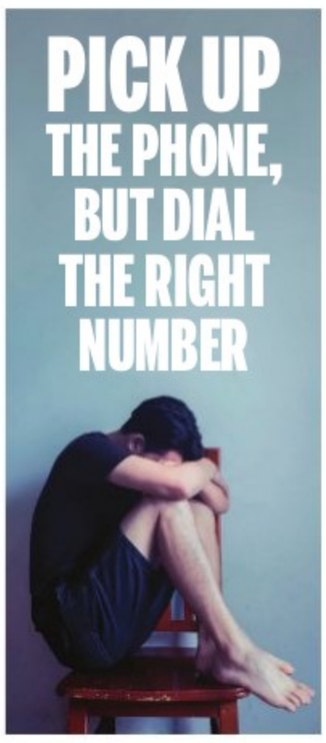
URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

I have been writing this column for more than two years. Since it's called 'Urban Bourbon', it mostly dealt with idiosyncrasies of urban life –stray dogs, food, and mangoes. When discussing issues, like an expert punwallah I added a layer of sarcasm, sprinkled some veiled references, and wrapped it up with wordplay.

But today, I want to speak about a topic that is getting louder in public space – mental health. Discussions always help, but one gets a feeling they are being driven by the experts at Whatsapp University. The most common solution offered is "Pick up the phone and call a friend". But most of my friends are ill-equipped to discuss mental health. It's like saying "You have a lump on your neck? Go see a barber!". What are friends for, you ask? Certainly not to discuss important mental health issues.

In films, the hero's friends would inspire him, question him, even give their life for his cause. My friends look at life as a series of 'beer treats'. Like me, my friends are hedonists who live for life's banal pleasures. I am no expert, but I think mental health requires the intervention of professionals, not my friends who possess the sentimental repertoire of ant-eaters. If I spoke to them about mental health, they would quickly steer the discussion to cricket, and then expertly maneuver it to a barter between beers and herbs!

There's also the vocabulary around mental health. The word 'mental' in India is used as an umbrella term for every psychological and psychiatric situation. "Are you mental?" is an insult our teachers used for decades. The depiction of mental health patients in films hasn't helped, either.



When Kamal Haasan went through turbulence in *Sadmaa*, we attributed it to another feat of 'good acting'.

When Salman Khan in *Tere Naam* is shown to suffer from mental illness, he is chained. Then there are the words associated with mental health like 'depression'. Words that begin with the letter 'd' cast a long shadow – death, decay, drugs, destruction, dystopia. Honestly, a better word – a lighter word– could have been chosen. When ex-Australian captain Steve Smith was caught illegally taking instructions from the dressing room, he referred to it as a 'brain-freeze' – a cute word that made people smile and move on. The word 'depression' doesn't do itself any favours. And we Indians are experts at inventing words. Take the word 'cushy' that comes from the Urdu word for happiness. 'Chutney' is another delightful word, as is 'gymkhana' – which strangely does not refer to the food we eat at the gym. We have also adopted the tongue of our colonisers and adapted it as per our convenience. We 'pass out' of colleges, and have no qualms asking friends to 'enter from backside'.

As long as we use words like 'depression' and 'mental health', the images they conjure will be of Salman Khan chained in an asylum, screaming at the heavens. We need new words, and new references. We are a nation with a billion people that speak hundreds of languages. The discourse around mental health will never change, as long as the vocabulary around it remains the same.

(Views expressed are the author's own)

AVANI BRINGS TOGETHER DIRECTOR GIRIRAJ AND PRODUCER UDAY MEHTA

A tiger will be the face of this natural-horror thriller; project set to begin in 2021, and aims to bring on board biggies from the south Indian film fraternity

I am glad to be teaming up with Giriraj for this project, which is the first-of-a kind attempt in south Indian cinema

—**Uday K Mehta,** producer

A Sharadhaa

Producer Uday K Mehta and three-time state award-winning director, B M Giriraj, are coming together for an natural-horror thriller featuring a tiger — *Avani* , maneater returns — as the face of this film. This will be a multi-starrer by Uday, for which he is planning to bring together biggies from the south Indian industry, who will be playing pivotal roles.

Interestingly, the producer, who turned writer with *Brahmachari*, has come up with another storyline, which completely revolves around the tiger. Uday has taken reference from a real-life incident, for which he has added a fictional fantasy dimension. The screenplay and direction will be done by Giriraj. "I wanted to associate with director Giriraj since the time he worked as an associate co-director in *Krishnan Love Story,* which was produced by me. I am glad to be teaming up with him for this project, which is the first-of-a kind attempt in south Indian cinema.

Creating a tiger through computer graphics will be a costly affair. For the content which is universal, the director has come out with the beautiful screenplay for my storyline. The film is vast and can be adapted to any region or language," says Uday, who plans to give this film a pan-India appeal.

According to the producer, the project is vast and requires a lot preparation time. He is working towards going on floors in 2021. Uday's current commitment is with Dhruva Sarja, directed by Nanda Kishore, a project they plan to take off once the actor-director is done with *Pogaru*. Meanwhile, Giriraj too has committed to a film starring Ravichandran.

"My visualisation of *Avani* is on the lines of films like *Jaws* and *Anaconda*," Giriraj who is looking forward to teaming up with Uday. According to him, Uday, as a producer, has a 'good hold on cinema' and has come with a unique storyline. "We have finally locked the third version of the screenplay. This is a genre that I will be helming for the first time. It's going to be an 'natural-horror' thriller, and I visualise something on the lines of Hollywood films *Jaws* and *Anaconda*," says the director.

He goes on to add that a lot of challenges lie ahead for *Avani*, which require work on computer graphics and live locations. The dialogues for *Avani* are written by Raghu Niduvalli, who has previously worked in Bell Bottom. "Technically, we are planning to bring on board cameraman Panneerselvam, who has previously worked in *Charulatha*. We are yet to finalise the music director," he says.

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—**B M Giriraj,** director

Family Pack releases first motion poster

The film brings together actor-director duo Likith Shetty and Arjun Kumar of *Sankashta Kara Ganapathi* ; comedy entertainer is made under the PRK Productions banner

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How do you fight your enemy at home? This was director Arjun Kumar's question as he released the motion poster of *Family Pack* on Monday. This was followed by another tweet by the lead actor Likith Shetty, who gave further details of the film. "Hello glad to share that Puneeth Raj Kumar Sir presents motion poster of PRK productions 5th film "FAMILY PACK" starring me & Amrutha Iyengar in lead. Directed by Arjun Kumar along with music by Guru Kiran sir, Produced by Ashwini Puneeth Raj Kumar Maam and myself (sic)."

Likith Shetty and Arjun Kumar, who have previously worked in *Sankashta Kara Ganapathi*, are collaborating for the second time. The film, which will see Rangayana Raghu playing a prominent role, will also have Achuth Kumar, Dattanna, Tilak, Nagabhusan in the cast.

According to the director, the team is currently working on the song recording and is also all set to start the shoot. "Though the government has granted permission to resume shoot, I was told that it is only for pending projects. We will kickstart with the project as and when we get a green signal," says Arjun.

A still from *Family Pack*

A new *Peninsula's* 8K trailer unveiled

CE Features

An 8K trailer of *Peninsula* was unveiled on YouTube as the Cannes-backed film is gearing up to premiere on Cannes in four months. The film is the sequel to *Train To Busan*, the Korean zombie drama that turned out to be a blockbuster across Asia.

Train To Busan was screened at midnight in Cannes in 2016, and the sequel was also part of the official selection of this year's Cannes. The film is expected to release in July but the makers haven't fixed a release date so far.

Directed by Yeon Sang Ho, who also directed *Train To Busan, Peninsula* is set in four years after the first part.

Oscars 2021 pushed to April 25; deadline for entry postponed too

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Instead of the usual February-March time frame, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences have announced their decision to postpone Oscars 2021 to April. Owing to the disruption of releases due to the Covid-19 pandemic across the world, the ceremony will now be held on April 25.

In addition, to facilitate more entries to the Academy, the eligibility period has also been extended from December 2020 to the end of February 2021.

"For over a century, movies have played an important role in comforting, inspiring, and entertaining us during the darkest of times. They certainly have this year. Our hope, in extending the eligibility period and our awards date, is to provide the flexibility filmmakers need to finish and release their films without being penalized for something beyond anyone's control," Academy president David Rubin and chief executive Dawn Hudson said in a statement, reports theguardian.co.uk.

The Academy's decision to push the ceremony by two months comes in the wake of its decision to standardise the number of nominations in the Best Picture category to 10 films. Earlier the number of nominees in this category could vary. Also, the Academy recently announced that direct-to-OTT films that bypass theatrical release will also be considered valid for nominations at the Oscars 2021, in a first.

That apart, special steps are being taken to ensure equal representation and inclusion while considering Oscar eligibility. "While the Academy has made strides, we know there is much more work to be done in order to ensure equitable opportunities across the board. The need to address this issue is urgent," said Hudson.

Karey Burke, the president of ABC entertainment, the Academy's broadcast partner, hoped for "a safe and celebratory event" during this "uncharted territory".

Films already garnering buzz include Steven Spielberg's West Side Story interpretation, Ron Howard's Hillbilly Elegy, the Aretha Franklin biopic Respect and David Fincher's Mank, the biopic of Citizen Kane screenwriter Herman J Mankiewicz.

Apart from the much-awaited annual awards gala, the Academy has also decided to postpone the opening of its museum. The Academy's museum was scheduled to open in December this year. It will now be inaugurated in April next year.

Will Smith

Will Smith to play slave in Antoine Fuqua's thriller *Emancipation*

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Will Smith will next play a runaway slave in director Antoine Fuqua's film, *Emancipation*. According to reports, the film, written by Bill Collage, is based on the life story of Peter, who was kept as a slave in a plantation in Lousiana.

Emancipation will tell the story of Peter, who escaped the slavers and ran away to join the Union Army. A photo of his scorched back taken way back 1863 is standing evidence of the horrors of slavery in the US.

Will Smith will play the role of Peter. It is notable that the actor passed the opportunity to play the lead in Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained.

Emancipation has been in the scripting stage for years now. The film will be a thriller about the escape of Peter through the treacherous swamp of Louisana, outwitting hunters and their dogs. It is said that the film's tone will be similar to *Apocalypto* (2006).

Salman Khan and family sabotaged my career, claims director Abhinav Singh Kashyap

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Director Abhinav Singh Kashyap has alleged in a Facebook post that his career was sabotaged by Salman Khan and his family. Abhinav made his Bollywood debut with 2010's *Dabangg*, starring Salman and produced by Arbaaz Khan Productions. While the film was a box-office hit, the director had a fallout with the Khans over returning to direct its sequel.

Abhinav claimed Arbaaz and Sohail tried to take control of his career after *Dabangg*. He also said that the sustained gaslighting and bullying destroyed his mental health and led to his divorce. Penning his thoughts in the aftermath of actor Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide, Abhinav wrote, "The reason I moved out of making *Dabangg 2* ten years ago is because Arbaaz Khan in collusion with Sohail Khan and family was trying to take control of my career by bullying me. Arbaaz Khan sabotaged my second project with Shree Ashtavinayak Films."

Abhinav Singh Kashyap

Oscar Issac

Oscar Isaac to star in thriller *London* with Ben Stiller on board as director

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Actor Ben Stiller is set to direct Lionsgate thriller *London* starring Golden Globe winner Oscar Isaac in the lead.

The film is based on a new short story/high-concept thriller by bestselling crime writer Jo Nesbo, reports say.

Dune screenwriter Eric Roth is adapting the story for the feature film. Issac obtained the rights to the story as a producer under his Mad Gene Media banner in competition, and was involved in getting Stiller and Roth on board.

Stiller is also producing the film through his Red Hour production banner, along with his producing partner Nicky Weinstock. "This is an incredible team of filmmaking that has come together for this project. Eric is a master storyteller whose screenplays are canonized in film history; Ben's work as a filmmaker, including his latest accomplishment, Escape at Dannemora, is astounding; Oscar is a force in all that he does, both behind and in front of the camera," said Erin Westerman.